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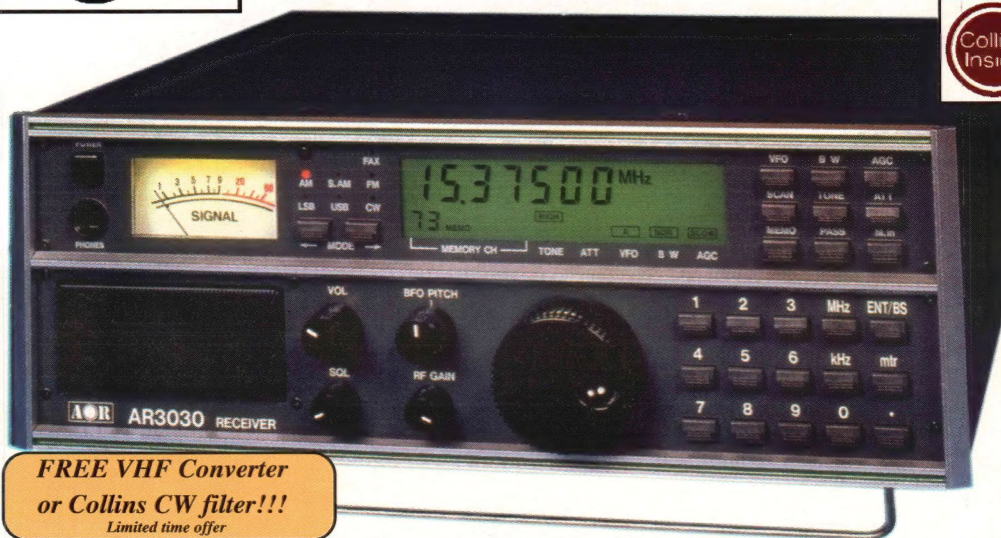
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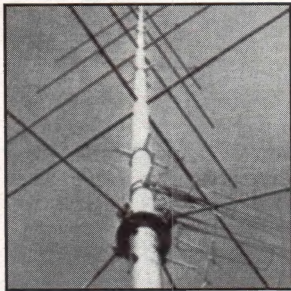
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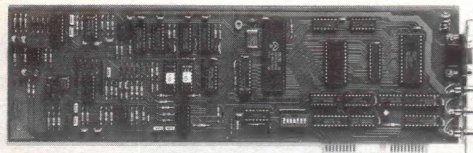
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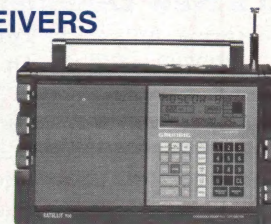
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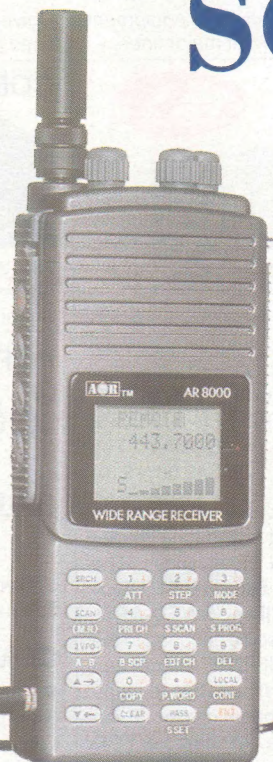
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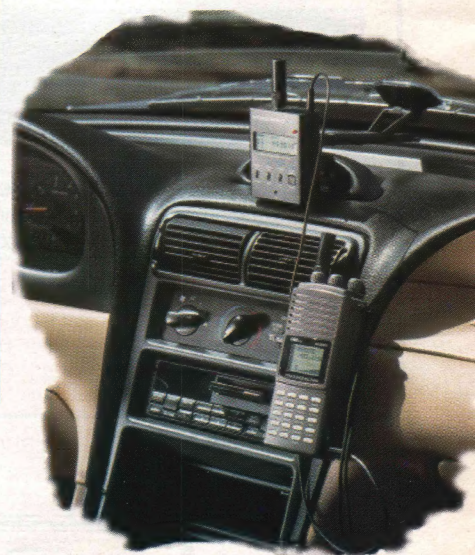
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Free Speech & Free Radio vs. The FCC

Sometimes people have felt that, for whatever reason, they wanted to transmit programming into their local community. Towards this end they have established micropower FM broadcast stations, these being operated without FCC authorization and licenses. Such stations aren't necessarily "underground" activities. Most operate quite openly, and publicize their programs.

It is not that the operators refuse to obtain licenses, instead it's that the FCC staunchly refuses to license micropower stations. Not only that, the sporadic appearance of these stations has never failed to get the FCC all het up about yanking them off the air, one by one.

The FCC won't license low-power FM (LPFM) broadcasters. The agency requires a minimum power of 100 watts. LPFM stations use from 1 watt to 40 watts. Micropower operators point out that a full-power license costs thousands of dollars in FCC fees, plus about \$100,000 in engineering surveys and other start-up expenses, plus the equipment. Micropower stations can be set up for as little as \$500 to \$600, they argue. Most importantly, their proponents say, these stations are altruistic in nature, and non-commercial. Mostly, they seek to serve only a localized community area, seeking to provide specialized entertainment or information, and in-depth neighborhood coverage ignored by other local media.

I recall when microcaster WRFI, *Radio Free Ithaca*, in N.Y., on 88.5 MHz, was raided by the FCC back in 1981. The 10-watt station had an audience of about 1,500 listeners. A feature was the nightly broadcast of BBC news. Its passing was lamented in the local press.

The FCC claimed that a cable TV system had verbally complained to the agency about interference to their video, consisting of small horizontal lines.

In 1990, WQNR, an FM microcaster in Selden, N.Y., was located in the same county where I live. I remember when it was raided and shut down by the FCC. WQNR had started out in 1986 as an AM station using carrier current, but the FCC had shut that operation down. As an FM microcaster, WQNR was run one night each week by a 39-year-old operator. WQNR had reached an audience estimated at 20,000.

The FCC claimed that it had received a complaint that WQNR interfered with cable TV reception.

In 1993, the FCC gave enormous static to KAFR, *Arizona's Free Radio*, 92.7 MHz, in Phoenix. Listener supported KAFR operated 6 to 10 p.m., Monday through Fri-

day, easily heard from the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, north beyond the Deer Valley Airport; and from 59th Avenue, eastward to Scottsdale Road.

These are only a few representative examples that quickly came to mind. I don't want to go too far down Memory Lane, just far enough to show the micropower pot's been simmering for a long time. Now it's starting to boil over.

Here's the thing, these stations just won't stop popping up. They're appearing more often, and from coast to coast. Except now they're doing it with more and more regularity. Furthermore, the operators are no longer quite so willing to pay the fines and then slink off quietly into oblivion. Now they're angry. It's become a "Free Speech" movement. There are attorneys involved, and the operators are fighting back—questioning the legality of FCC's denying them rights to have low-power broadcasting access to the airwaves.

Looks like this grass-roots movement got a full head of steam in 1994 when the San Francisco Bay Area spawned several FM microcasters, notably *Radio Libre*, and *Free Radio Berkeley*.

More than mere platter spinners, these stations were socially conscious activists, free-speech oriented rebels. The stations were openly confrontational regarding the FCC's attitudes towards microcasters.

The FCC swooped down *Free Radio Berkeley* like a falcon on a mouse. The agency tried to obtain a temporary injunction to shut down FRB while they figured out how to administratively pursue silencing it on a permanent basis. This time, the mouse bit back!

FRB showed up and argued that by completely prohibiting low power broadcasting, the Commission is depriving prospective broadcasters and their listeners of access to the airwaves in violation of the First Amendment. They claimed that when First Amendment free speech rights are impacted by government regulation, the government must establish that the contested regulations are the least restrictive means available to further a compelling state interest.

Traditionally, FCC regulation of the airwaves has been justified because the agency claims the spectrum can't accommodate an unlimited number of users. FRB argued that the regulations prohibiting low power broadcasting, and the FCC justification for them, are based on outdated assumptions about technical capabilities. Contrary to the FCC's assertions to support its ban on LPFM, FRB argued that microcasting can

be permitted without risk of signal interference to high-power broadcasters.

FRB cited that Canada has licensed LPFM stations in rural areas since 1989, and urban areas since 1993. They noted an FCC report which cited the Canadian law, in support of this contention, and how the FCC's position banning LPFM is based upon a study they did back in 1978.

FRB continued by stating that by prohibiting LPFM, the FCC effectively eliminates opportunities for low-cost broadcasting on community issues as an alternative to mainstream perspectives. This, they said, violated the agency's mandate to regulate in the interests of the whole public, not just the economically powerful.

The Commission responded by reaffirming its traditional authority to license stations based on the validity of the scarcity doctrine.

FRB challenged the constitutionality of the present regulations which don't allow for the licensing of stations using less than 100 watts. This was a point also raised two years earlier by KAFR in its own defense. The FCC did not, as matter of law, establish that the regulations were constitutional. Furthermore, the fact that a statute is constitutional doesn't compel the conclusion that regulations created under it are also constitutional.

The FCC also argued that the FCC met its statutory mandate with its 1978 extensive feasibility study of LPFM before deciding to prohibit these stations. FRB said that technology has changed since then, and along with it the feasibility of LPFM. Supporting its argument, the FCC attempted to establish irreparable harm by asserting that FRB's broadcasting may interfere with legitimate licensed broadcasting. The agency pointed out that FRB's equipment wasn't FCC approved, and there were two documented instances of interference. They mentioned the possibilities of spurious signal emissions causing interference to air navigation and communications operations. These were the same allegations made in the KAFR case, even though KAFR used FCC type-approved equipment!

After listening to the FCC's presentations, and FRB's defense of its operations, Judge Claudia Wilken, United States District Court For the Northern District of California handed down a decision (C-94-03542-CW). The FCC's motion for a preliminary injunction was denied! The action was stayed, "in order to allow the FCC to address the Constitutional issues in the

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Adventures at Station WTTT

I have read and re-read the January *Beaming In* editorial about Tom's experiences as a young intern many years ago at station WTTT. This was more than enjoyable, and I found it to be rather special. It gave me a chance to glimpse at a side of POP'COMM's Editor not seen very often, and one that I appreciate and understand. This type of editorial with personal experiences conveys a special message and feeling that I think should be done more often. I do realize that there is much to be said, and the editorial page is the place to do it. But, once in a while, why not let readers see more of the "hidden" Tom Kneitel that had shone through in the words of the January editorial?

Rickey Stein, RCMA NJ-001,
North Brunswick, N.J.

Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain.—Editor.

VOA Comment

This concerns Gerry Dexter's *Voice of America* mention in the February *Listening Post* column. What bothers me the most is that there are no broadcasts in English by U.S.-based stations directed towards American citizens who are living, working, stationed, or traveling abroad. I appreciate that because the VOA was created to educate the rest of the world about the USA and democracy, a mandate existed preventing it from broadcasting directly to American citizens.

Speaking from the viewpoint of an occasional overseas traveler, I confirm that every hour one can tune in foreign-based stations for international news in English. Yet, there lacks a certain intimacy that one has when tuned to "locals," such as all-news, or NPR stations.

Once, while in Israel, I was able to pick up the VOA station on the island of Rhodes (1260 kHz). I could also receive the FM signal from Cyprus of the British Forces Broadcasting Service station. The BFBS

station reminded me of the AFRTV that our government once used to bring a touch of home to members of our armed forces stationed overseas. Too bad it isn't around on shortwave any longer. The Christian Science Monitor broadcasts were good for news, but are also being cut back.

With the advent of satellite-TV, many hotels carry CNN. I remember the last time I traveled, the CNN news wasn't updated very frequently. Also, reception was poor (possibly the hotel's equipment wasn't working properly). This is why I like radio, and would enjoy hearing (non-religious, non-political) news and other programming directed towards overseas Americans.

Martin M. Wishnewitz,
Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Cordless Phone Comment

I include cordless phones in my scanning. Some calls are funny. What's not funny is what people say when the call sounds fuzzy, or when they hear any sounds in the handset other than the person they're speaking to.

When hearing interference or static, I've heard them say, "That's not my phone. There are people listening in with scanners and that's why the phone is so noisy." Can people be that stupid? By their reasoning, if their own TV's or AM/FM radios were operating while they were gabbing, their cordless phone calls would be messed up.

Someone ought to tell cordless phone owners to try this. Next time you have a call, find any fluorescent light in your home or office. Walk up to it with the phone. Better yet, invite someone with another cordless phone using the same channel as your phone to come over. Then attempt to make a call while they are using their phone. You may find that the sounds seem identical to the ones you have been blaming on people with scanners!

M.C.F.,
Greybull, WY

A recent CBS-TV "48 Hours" program showed how uninformed average people can be about the most basic consumer electronics products. One of the many quick buck "discount" stores in New York's Times Square was secretly taped telling a shopper that the standard cordless phone they were selling worked off a satellite and had a range of several hundred miles. This was their standard sales pitch for the unit. We have helped to spread your message, M.C.F., but it may not make much difference.—Editor.

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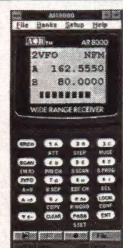
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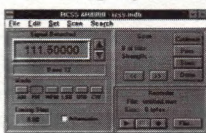
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Two-Way Radio: Uncensored

Scanning Those Handheld Radios the Public Loves

BY TOM KNEITEL, K2AES, EDITOR

No doubt about it. The public is sold on two-way radio. Two-way has been popularized by cellars, CB, scanners, and continuing media attention. To serve the public's needs, there are now many low-power short-range two-way FM radios available. They're versatile, relatively inexpensive, and plentiful.

Seems you see these on sale in every outdoors and sports supply shop, and even in auto accessory stores. Police and security suppliers sell them, so do companies catering to construction, agricultural, ranching, and general business customers. The units are also displayed in the catalogs of major electronics suppliers.

Hikers, campers, and sports teams use these VHF and UHF radios. So do private guard services, hotel security officials, investigators, and armored car crews. They're useful during biking, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and motorcycling activities. They're used at construction sites, and in building complexes. There are farmers, flea markets, warehouse, factory, and supermarket workers, fast-food eateries, circuses, carnivals, shopping mall personnel, and so many other applications for these radios that they stagger the imagination. Think of a need for instant short-range communications and keeping abreast of minute-to-minute changes, and you've got a reason to be on the air!

In case you were wondering, yes, there's been no shortage of sleazeballs and highly suspicious activities reported by those who have spent some time monitoring low-power FM two-way comms frequencies.

For most scanner owners, channels popularly used by low-powered FM handhelds offer a potential for monitoring that hasn't yet been fully explored. These simplex channels are sprinkled across the VHF/UHF spectrum. There's often good listening there, especially when you consider that stations you hear are in your own community. Obviously, the limited transmitting range of the equipment is a factor that makes the radios particularly attractive to at least some of those who show up on these channels.

The equipment commercially offered for use in the 49 MHz band runs 100 mw., (that is, one-tenth of 1 watt), and is often designed for multi-channel operation. These are usually "hands-free" units with headsets and small mics attached to a portable handheld radio that may be attached to a belt by means of a clip. These



The no-license 49 MHz band has 100 mw. transceivers you can monitor on any scanner. This one comes from Maxon Systems, Inc.



Some low power FM handhelds can operate on two channels, like this one from Fanon Courier, of Tustin, Calif.

units don't need a license in the U.S. Although they are authorized for operation on any frequency in the 49.82 to 49.90 MHz band, invariably they are produced to operate on any of six specific channels within this band (see chart). These channels are shared with cordless phone handsets, and all but one are also used by wireless room (baby) monitors.

All low-power two-way FM radios, except those on 49 MHz, require FCC licenses. That means licenses must be applied for (accompanied by a fee) and obtained in order for legal use in the U.S. Manufacturers pack the license application forms in with the equipment. Got the picture?

With regard to licenses, I think the public views these radios as if they were CB

sets which don't need FCC licenses. You never hear callsigns used on low-power FM channels. With millions in use, my guess is that only a tiny percentage of the low-power FM radios are FCC licensed. The rest are being operated without the required FCC licenses.

Does it really make any difference, except to the FCC? Given the power levels and limited range of the equipment, these radios don't have the potential to cause very much interference. There is no practical way for the FCC to detect and nab most unlicensed low-power handheld radio users. You don't hear of many getting hassled. Policing them must surely be a low priority activity at the FCC.

This is the FCC's problem, and not

something for scanner owners to anguish over. The radios are handy, useful, and still increasing in popularity. The public loves them. If you have a scanner, why not listen in? Good things to hear.

Frequencies

The VHF/UHF frequencies used by these radios come from diverse communications services. Several of the channels have become unofficially known by color-coded and/or numerical identifications. These codes may have been arbitrarily designated by some manufacturer(s). Maybe it was done with an eye towards sparing technophobe consumers from being intimidated by having to deal with actual frequency information.

What's the range of low-power FM radios? Different frequencies allow various power levels, but most of the commonly used handhelds run only a couple of watts. One company states its 1-watt 150 MHz band radio will communicate over "several miles," while another has a 2-watt handheld claimed to provide comms for two miles. These distances reflect those generally encountered in the performance specs of manufacturers.

The 462 MHz GMRS handheld radios are permitted the use of 5 watts, and have been rated with a simplex range of up to seven miles. With all VHF/UHF low-power handheld portable radios, there are important variables that could possibly reduce potential range. These include the

quality of the equipment used, as well as using equipment in need of service, experiencing low battery power, interference, having a poor station location, or obstructions in the line-of-sight signal path between the units communicating.

Channel Chatter

One of the leading manufacturers of 49 MHz two-way gear is Maxon Systems, Inc., of Kansas City, Mo. Their single-channel equipment operates on 49.86 MHz, though the company also offers five-channel sets. Their literature mentions an average communications range of 1/4-mile.

Frequencies 151.625, 154.57, and 154.60 MHz are easily the most popular low-power VHF handheld channels. Many radios offer one or more of these three frequencies, so be sure to give these channels special attention. The popular Radio Shack BTX-120 handheld comes ready for operation on 154.60 MHz.

Radio Shack is a large national marketer of GMRS handhelds. Its units come equipped with 462.6375 and 462.7125 MHz, very active low-power designated simplex frequencies in the GMRS band. Popular GMRS handhelds are also produced by Maxon and Motorola.

Some Maxon GMRS handhelds are supplied ready to access base station repeaters operating on 462.675 MHz. This channel is used nationwide as the GMRS emergency channel. Other Maxon 1-watt GMRS handhelds appear to come ready for oper-

Main Low Power Handheld Frequencies

Frequency	Channel
49.83	6
49.845	2
49.86	3
49.875	5
49.89	7
151.625	Red
151.955	Purple
154.57	Blue
154.60	Green
462.5625	(GMRS)
462.5875	(GMRS)
462.6125	(GMRS)
462.6375	(GMRS)
462.6625	(GMRS)
462.6875	(GMRS)
462.7125	(GMRS)
464.50	Brown
464.55	Yellow
467.7625	Channel J
467.8125	Channel K
467.85	Silver Star
467.875	Gold Star
467.90	Red Star
467.925	Blue Star
469.50	
469.55	



(Left) Radio Shack's BTX-120 is a 1-watt handheld transceiver that comes ready to operate on 154.60 MHz. (Middle) The Radio Shack PRS-100 offers up to seven mile range with 5 watts with two channels in the 462 MHz GMRS band. (Right) Motorola's "Personal 2-Way Radio" operates in the 462 MHz GMRS band.

ation on 462.575 and 462.625 MHz. These frequencies are among a group allowed to be used for simplex, but are most popularly used for duplex by GMRS base station repeater outputs (467 MHz inputs). Other similar GMRS frequencies available for low-power simplex, but primarily used for duplex by means of base station repeaters are 462.55, 462.60, 462.65, 462.70, and 462.725 MHz.

Note that business radio frequencies 467.85 through 467.925 MHz have been noted being offered in UHF handhelds for sale to the general public. It's not really cricket to use these channels, except in certain special applications. Those are low-power channels the FCC designated for large ship dockside cargo-loading use. Don't bet on that use being taken too seriously by some equipment suppliers.

Several popular low-power handheld frequencies noted in use are "itinerant" channels which permit licensed stations to use a maximum of 110 watts.

Check out our chart for a listing of the currently popular low-power two-way comms channels reported in use by our correspondents. Our chart indicates their known numbers or nicknames, and other comments. Here's a chance to zero in on all sorts of uncensored chatter that can vary widely from the fare found on other scanner channels. ■

Eye of the Storm!

Listening to the Hurricane Hunters

BY DON SCHIMMEL

Many POP'COMM readers are avid followers of the hurricane tracking efforts by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and U.S. Air Force "Hurricane Hunters."

This is an appropriate time of the year to review this subject since these storms take place roughly during the July through November period.

The National Weather Service defines a hurricane as a severe cyclone originating over tropical ocean waters, and having winds 74 miles an hour or higher. (In the western Pacific, these storms are called typhoons.) The area of strong winds takes the form of a circle or an oval, sometimes as much as 500 miles in diameter. In the lower latitudes hurricanes usually move toward the west or northwest at 10 to 15 mph. When the center or eye approaches 25° to 30° north latitude, direction of motion often changes to northeast with increased forward speed.

For over 50 years, aircraft have been used to track tropical storms and make meteorological measurements of wind velocities and directions, eye location and size, pressure readings, and humidity in the storm area.

With yet another hurricane season upon us, it would be interesting to look at some pictures and details of communications of past hurricanes.

While there are several different formats for reporting weather and storm observations, one of the most valuable is the coded VORTEX report used for voice messages for data obtained by the hurricane vortex penetration by the reconnaissance aircraft. Your attention is invited to the VORTEX report monitored during the NOAA tracking of Hurricane Emily.

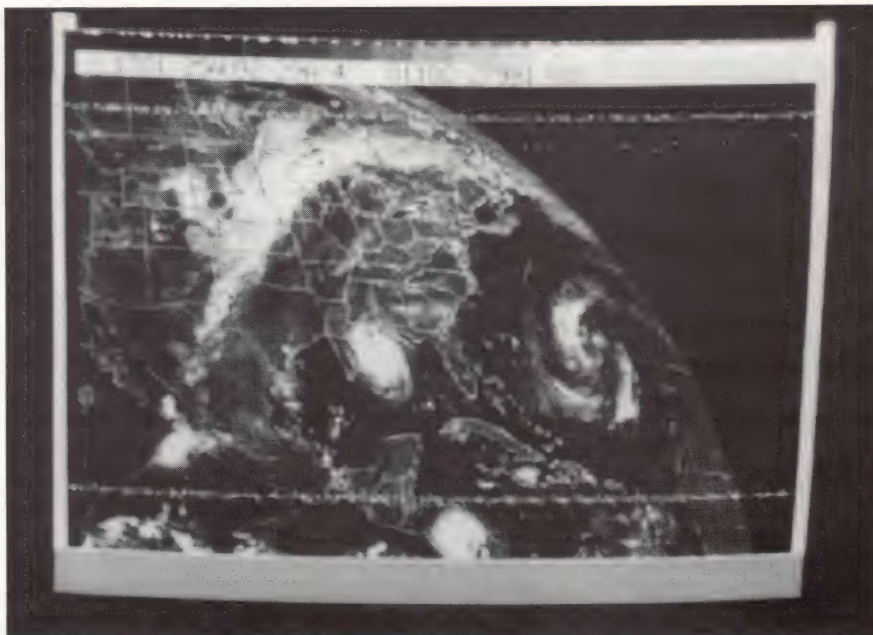
NOAA has two WP-3D aircraft which are a variation of the U.S. Navy Orion (P-3). Orion was based on the commercial Lockheed Electra and incorporated various design modifications including a longer body. The two aircraft are designated NOAA-42 and NOAA-43 respectively.

The U.S. Air Force Reserve also participates in hurricane hunting tasks. According to an Air Force Reserve News Service, the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRS) designation was activated and assigned to the Air Force Reserve's 403rd Airlift Wing, Keesler AFB, Mississippi effective Nov. 1, 1993.

When the 53rd was activated, their old

VORTEX Voice Message Codes	
Vortex fix	Location of surface and/or flight level center of a tropical or subtropical cyclone obtained by reconnaissance aircraft penetration
A	hrs Z, date and time
B	deg N/S, latitude of vortex fix; deg E/W, longitude of vortex fix
C	mb/m, millibars/meters, minimum height at standard level
D	knots, estimate of maximum surface wind observed
E	deg/nm, bearing/range from center of maximum surface wind
F	deg/kt, maximum flight level wind near center
G	deg/nm, bearing and range from center of maximum surface wind
H	mb, minimum sea level pressure computer from dropsonde or extrapolated from within 1500 feet of sea surface
I	C/m, maximum flight level temperature/pressure alt outside eye
J	C/m, maximum flight level temperature/pressure alt inside eye
K	C/c, dew point temperature/sea surface temperature inside eye
L	eye character: closed wall, poorly defined, open SW, etc.
M	Eye shape/orientation/diameter: Code eye shapes as: C is circular; CO is concentric; E is elliptical. Transmit orientation of major axis in tens of degrees, i.e., 01 is 010 to 190; 17 is 170 to 350. Transmit diameter in nautical miles. Examples: C8 is circular eye 8 miles in diameter. E09/15/5 is elliptical eye, major axis 090-270, length of major axis 15 nm, length of minor axis 5 nm. CO8-14 is concentric eye, diameter inner eye 8 nm, outer eye 14 nm
N	deg N/S, confirmation of fix: coordinates & time; deg E/W, time Z
O	fix determined by/fix level: fix determined by: 1 penetration; 2 radar; 3 wind; 4 pressure; 5 temp. Fix level (indicate surface center if visible; indicate both surface & flight level centers only when same): 0 is surface; 1 is 1500 ft.; 8 is 850 mb; 7 is 700 mb; 5 is 500 mb; 4 is 400 mb; 3 is 300 mb; 2 is 200 mb; 9 is other.
P	nm, navigation fix accuracy /meteorological accuracy
Q	remarks

Here is the key for decoding VORTEX format messages.



Hurricane Andrew as it hit New Orleans 8/25/92. Picture transmitted by NAM, USN Norfolk, VA. Contributed by August A. Stellwag, NY.

unit designation, the 815th Weather Squadron, was inactivated.

The reservists track hurricanes and tropical storms over the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. During Hurricane Emily, they flew

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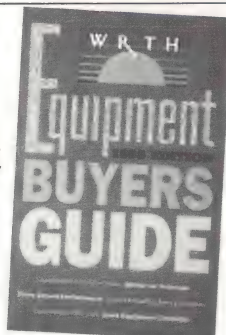
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This satellite picture which appeared in U.S. Air Force publication shows Hurricane Hugo just before it came ashore in South Carolina on September 22, 1989. Hugo caused damage in excess of one billion dollars.

the third WRS at Presque Isle Army Air-
field, Maine. From there it transferred sev-
eral times, including tours in Bermuda, En-
gland, and Puerto Rico, before landing at
Keesler in July, 1973. The former active-
duty unit was inactivated June 30, 1991,
when the Air Force's entire WC-130
weather reconnaissance mission was trans-
ferred to the Reserve.

The aircraft flown for the WRS missions
are modified C-130 air frames designated
as versions WC-130E and WC-130H.

The NOAA reconnaissance planes work
KJY74, Miami Monitor, on 3407, 5562-
Secondary, 6673 (Delta), 8876 (Echo),

10015 (Foxtrot), 11398, 13267 (Golf)-
Daytime Primary, and 21937 kHz. All are
USB.

The Air Force Reserve WRS planes
using TEAL and GULL as the flight desig-
nator have been observed on 4701 kHz.

USAFR WRS and NOAA units may both
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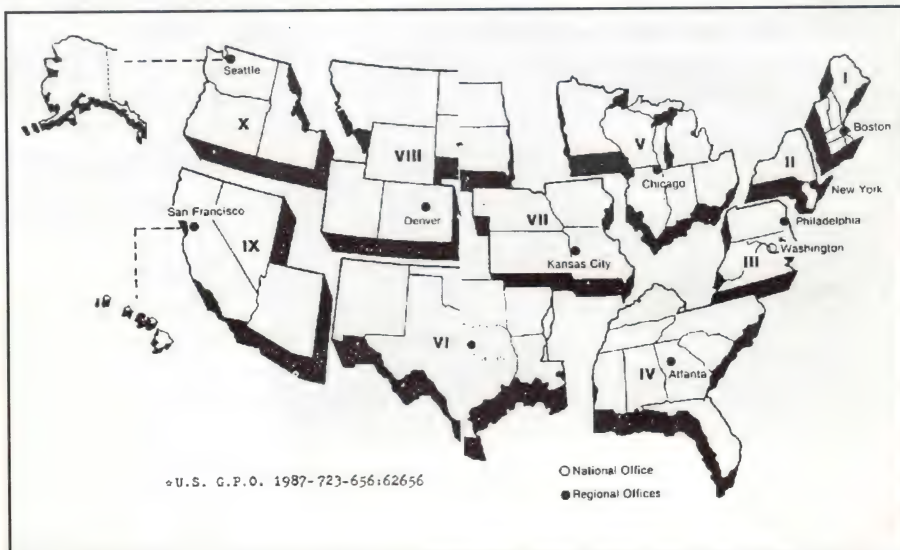
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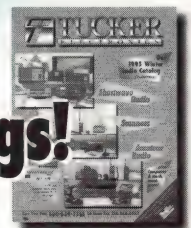
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Broadcasters That Followed Their Dreams

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Beginning in 1897, the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, operated an experimental wireless telegraphy station. By 1916, voice transmissions had been added, and the station was operating under the Special Land Station call letters 5YM. Ray Poindexter's book, *Arkansas Airwaves* (published by its author, N. Little Rock, Ark., 1974) states that a federal order closed down civilian stations during much of World War I. That meant 5YM was dismantled between 1917 and 1919, but it returned after that. The popularity of the transmissions from 5YM led the University to apply for a non-commercial broadcast license.

As a result of the application, on December 4, 1923, a license was issued with the call letters KFMQ. The station was authorized to operate on 1140 kHz with 100 watts. KFMQ was constructed by the Dept. of Electrical Engineering, and situated in a small structure south of the Engineering Hall. The antenna, a 100-foot long inverted "L" with its fan-type counterpoise located 35 feet below, was erected 100 feet above the Engineering Hall. KFMQ, *The Voice of The Ozarks*, began operation on January 4, 1924.

By December of 1924, KFMQ had shifted to 1090 kHz and upped its power to 500 watts. Its new operating location was in the UOA's Administration Building. By February, 1925, KFMQ was moved to 1000 kHz.

The year 1926 saw more adjustments.

In February, KFMQ changed its call letters to KUOA. During KUOA's normal summer vacation shut-down period, a new 750-watt transmitter was installed because a higher power had been approved. KUOA resumed in September with its new power, but in April of 1927, the Federal Radio Commission moved KUOA to 1010 kHz and chopped back its power again to 500 watts.

In March of 1928, KUOA was allowed to increase its power to 1 kW, and told to move to 1390 kHz. There was a catch. KUOA would no longer have its own full-time frequency, but would have to share air time on 1390 kHz with Little Rock's KRLA. By summer of 1929, the Federal Radio Commission had whittled KUOA's air time down some days of the week to a mere four and a half hours. KUOA didn't operate Sundays, and it was normally dark during school summer vacation time. It was barely on the air at all!

KUOA's sparse air-time situation wasn't unusual during that era. It was described in George H. Douglas' book, *The Early Days of Radio Broadcasting* (McFarland & Co., Jefferson, N.C., 1987). Douglas wrote, "Nearly all stations owned by educational institutions felt themselves very ill-used by the Commission. Many got what they considered bad frequencies, and worse, the majority had to accept daytime-only licenses. For instance, the University of Arkansas station was forced to share time with a local commercial station—with the commercial station getting three quarters of


the time, including all the nighttime hours...The same thing happened to many educational stations throughout the late 1920s. In the years before the Radio Act of 1927, dozens of educational stations entered the field every year.

"Starting around 1928, they began dropping off like flies: 23 stations gave up in 1928 alone. Many educational stations had begun operation with the idea of offering nighttime adult education courses, but, cheated out of this time slot, saw no purpose in continuing."

KUOA had plenty of Ozark grit. Determined to continue its dream of broadcasting, the station took a new approach. In July, 1931, KUOA was leased to the Southwestern Hotel Co., owners of the Goldman Hotel, Fort Smith, Ark. Cleverly, KUOA had become a commercial station! The studios and transmitter remained at the UOA campus until February of 1933 when there was a fire at the studio.

As a commercial venture, KUOA was so successful that, in early 1933, the UOA sold it to the hotel company and the Publisher of *The Fayetteville Daily Democrat* newspaper. They moved it to downtown Fayetteville. By April of 1933, KUOA had been granted the right to shift to 1260 kHz where it could operate daytime as a commercial station without having to share hours! The station's 1 kW transmitter was relocated to Mt. Sequoyah, northeast of Fayetteville.

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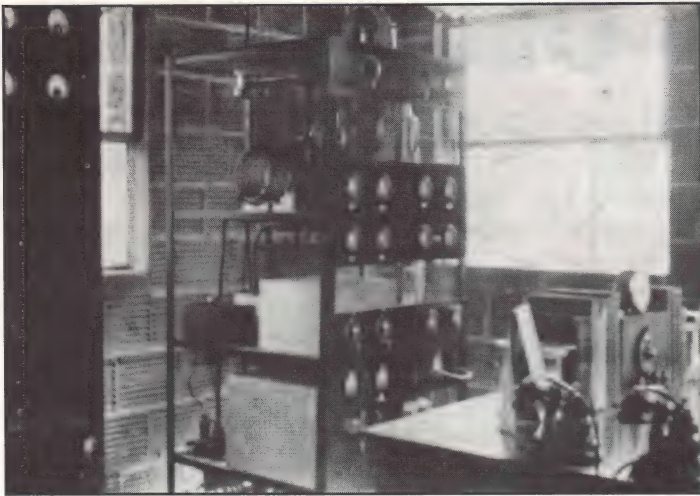
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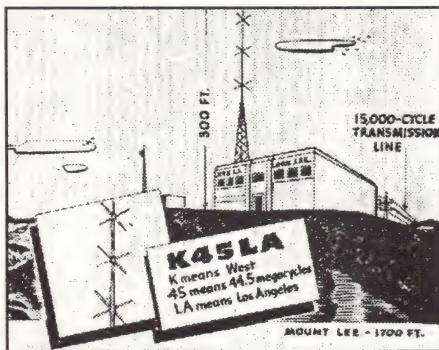
The KUOA transmitter building atop Mt. Sequoyah in 1933.



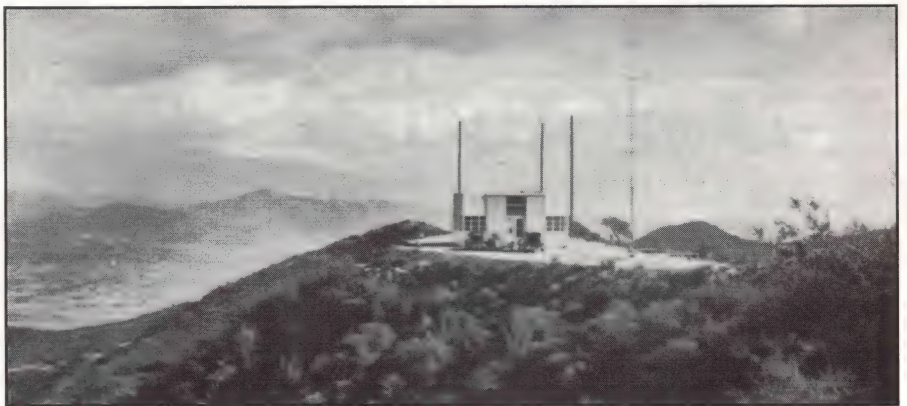
The KUOA 1 kW transmitter, as used in 1933.



KUOA's transmitter building, Siloam Springs, Ark., as it looked in 1967. It was constructed in 1936. (Photo by Jan D. Lowry, Calif.)



An artist's conception of the K45LA appeared on the station's 1941 QSL card.



Don Lee Company's K45LA atop Mt. Lee in Hollywood, as it appeared in 1941.

John Brown University of Siloam Springs, Ark. Late that year, the new owners sought permission to change KUOA into a 50 kW station known as KPSN, *The People's Station of the Nation*. The concept was later abandoned, but in 1936 KUOA did increase its power to 2.5 kW when the station's facilities were relocated to Siloam Springs. In September of 1937, the power was upped to 5 kW.

In March, 1941, the major frequency realignment of North American broadcasters resulted in KUOA being reassigned to 1290 kHz. By 1946, KUOA opened auxiliary remote controlled studios at the Washington Hotel, Fayetteville, and was originating some programming from there.

A full-time country music format was instituted in 1974. Since 1993, KUOA has been airing a satellite-delivered county music format obtained from the Jones Satellite Network. KUOA operates daylight hours on 1290 kHz with 5 kW. The transmitter is in Siloam Springs, Ark. KUOA is the oldest continuously licensed AM broadcaster in Arkansas!

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Following the publication of Armstrong's article in the *Proceedings*, they asked their FM Engineer, Frank M. Kennedy, to design an FM broadcast transmit-

ter in accordance with Armstrong's published circuits and data. The unit wasn't built for lack of a suitable site to locate the transmitter.

The Lee Co. decided it had to create a site. When space to accommodate the proposed FM station on 1,700 ft. Mt. Lee, in the Hollywood Hills, was completed, they applied for an FM broadcast license. The FCC authorized operation on 44.50 MHz, and issued the call letters K45LA.

Mt. Lee had been selected because it had become the site of the Don Lee pioneer TV station, W6XAO. At this point we need to backtrack our narrative a bit.

In December, 1931, when there were but four TV receivers in Los Angeles, Don Lee spent an extravagant \$500,000 to open his TV experimental station, W6XS on 2.1 to 2.2 MHz, from Gardena, Calif. W6XS transmitted an 80-line low-definition electron beam picture. This was the first television station in the American west; it maintained a modest daily schedule.

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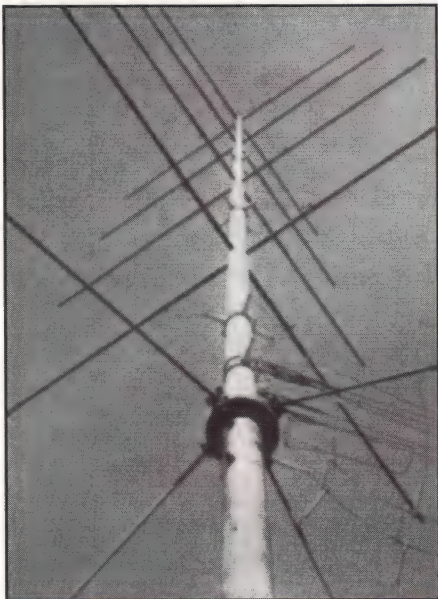
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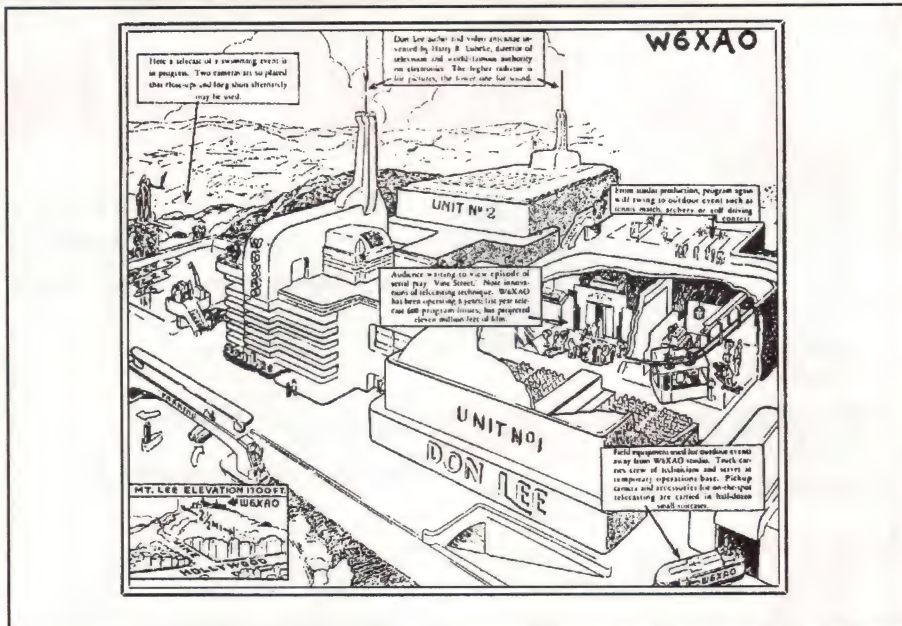


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Looking skyward at the K45LA antenna from its base. It was assembled on wooden horses and later raised, complete.



By 1939, W6XAO issued this artist's idealized conception of the new TV facilities on Mt. Lee.

The change caused a new license to be issued bearing the call letters W6XAO, replacing W6XS. The daily broadcast schedule was continued. Soon enough, W6XAO's future changed when, unfortunately, in August of 1934, Don Lee died.

Don Lee had been a wealthy and flamboyant Cadillac dealer who had gotten into radio when he purchased station KHJ in 1927. KHJ had been a profitable venture for him. Upon Don Lee's death, his GM dealerships were cancelled. His broadcasting interests were continued, though not with the participation of his son and heir, Thomas Lee. His son had no interest in the business and didn't want to assume the responsibility. The courts judged him incompetent, and the Don Lee Broadcasting officers took over operation of the company, under the direction of Willet Brown.

Thomas Lee retired to the elegant castle Don Lee had once imported brick by brick from Ireland, and then reconstructed at Lancaster, Calif. On its grounds were an auto race track and an airfield. Thomas Lee had his own race cars, his plane with a pilot, and a nurse. He took no part in running the company.

Willet Brown, on behalf of the company, purchased 20 acres of Mack Sennett's failed "Hollywoodland" real estate venture at the eastern boundary of Griffith Park. This was atop the 1,700-foot hill that then had the *Hollywoodland* sign spelled out in huge letters.

The sign achieved world notoriety in 1932 because of 24-year-old British starlet Peg Entwistle. After securing only a bit part in David Selznick's 1932 film *Thirteen Women*, she felt Hollywood had rejected her talents. Thereupon, Entwistle stripped off her clothing and leapt to her death from



This 1924 QSL from pre-Don Lee KHJ shows (upper left) the L.A. Times Building, with the antennas on the roof. (Courtesy of POP'COMM's Cathy Ross. The QSL was earned by her dad, Paul Hofer, Jr.)

the top of the thirteenth letter of the sign. Peg was only the first of several failed starlets to use the sign for this tragic purpose. Today the sign is a tourist attraction, but reads only "Hollywood."

Brown renamed his purchase Mt. Lee, and in 1939 he had TV Engineer Harry Lubcke design and build luxurious new W6XAO television facilities there. W6XAO's transmission quality was upgraded to 525-lines at 30-frames, and began from Mt. Lee in December of 1940.

K45LA construction began soon after the W6XAO Mt. Lee facilities started. Mt. Lee had also become the location of the 5 kW transmitting facility used by KHJ, Don Lee Broadcasting's AM station on 930 kHz. KHJ had first gone on the air in 1922 as C.R. Kieruff's front-room 5 watt station. KHJ was soon purchased and improved by the *Los Angeles Times*. In 1927 the *Times* sold the 500-watt station to Don Lee. Leg-

end says Lee paid the staggering price (for those days) of \$500,000.

The Don Lee KHJ studios were seven miles away, and fed to the AM transmitter by regular landline. FM programming was planned to originate from the AM studios, but be delivered to the FM transmitter over a special 15 kHz high fidelity landline.

Engineer Frank Kennedy decided to use an omni-directional FM turnstile antenna on a tower mounted atop the FM transmitter building. A 50 kW Western Electric transmitter couldn't be obtained immediately, but was placed on order. Arrangements were made to secure the immediate delivery of a 1 kW Western Electric FM transmitter.

That 1 kW K45LA transmitter on Mt. Lee reached out and covered a total of 6,944 square miles.

Kennedy's FM installation plans had to take into consideration how and if the three broadcast facilities could be operated suc-



The jinxed "Hollywoodland" sign atop what later became Mt. Lee, site of the Don Lee broadcast facilities.

cessfully in relatively close proximity. He was wondering what interference the 50 kW FM signal might cause to the TV cameras, landline studio/transmitter links, or telephone communications.

With respect to this, Kennedy decided to locate the FM building about 450 feet away from the TV facilities. All telephone and power lines were buried within 150 feet of either building, and all lines were below the top of Mt. Lee.

K45LA commenced operation on August 11, 1941. It was the first FM broadcast station in the far west. With its noon to midnight daily schedule, K45LA managed to carve a niche for itself, even in a market where there were no FM receivers. Within the first month of K45LA's operation, at least 2,000 FM receivers were sold! Some of KHJ's AM programs were simulcast, but the FM station originated many of its own programs.

By 1946, K45LA had become renamed KHJ-FM, and the station had migrated to the FCC's newly created FM band, situated between 88 and 108 MHz. At first, KHJ-FM used 99.7 MHz, then later was shifted over to 101.1 MHz.

In May of 1948, Lee Broadcasting got approval to operate W6XAO as commercial TV station KTSL on Channel 2. By November, 1949 plans were being made to move the KTSL transmitter to Don Lee Broadcasting property on Mt. Wilson, and the studios to the new Don Lee building at 1313 N. Vine Street. Lamentably, in January, 1950, during the move, Thomas Lee committed suicide by leaping from the seventh floor of the Wilshire Building. This tragedy meant that Don Lee Broadcasting had to be liquidated to satisfy the heirs.

The KTSL move was completed, but KTSL station was sold to CBS. General Tire and Rubber purchased the AM and FM stations. A General Tire subsidiary, General Teleradio, was formed to operate the AM and FM stations, and that company later purchased Los Angeles TV station KFI-

TV, Channel 9, then changed its call letters to KHJ-TV. The Walt Disney Co., now owns this station, calling it KCAL.

The present heir to K45LA/KHJ-FM's legacy is KRTH. This station still operates

on 101.1 MHz, but is no longer located on Mt. Lee. KRTH has its antenna at 3,130 feet, and operates with more than 50 kW. Since 1989, the station has been owned by the Beasley Broadcasting Group. The station runs an oldies format.

The current incarnation of KHJ, Don Lee's original AM station, is Spanish language station KKHJ, 930 kHz. New owners here, too.

The Mt. Lee site is now primarily used for communications facilities of the CHP and Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept.

Special thanks to Warren Wells, Los Angeles, Calif., whose monograph on the history of TV Channel 9 in Los Angeles was a rich source of information about the TV activities of Don Lee Broadcasting.

We always appreciate reader input in the form of old time radio and wireless photos, old QSL's, station listings, picture postcards relating to radio, memories, news clippings, ideas, and questions. It's what we use to put this column together.

Next month I'll be on vacation, but there will be a fascinating article here by Ronald R. Thomas that I know you'll enjoy. ■

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Guerrilla Broadcaster's Story

In 1979, a military coup overthrew El Salvador's elected President. However, the ruling military-civilian junta wasn't able to put down a rebellion by leftist insurgents, who were armed by Cuba and Nicaragua. Extreme right-wing death squads organized to do away with suspected leftists were blamed for thousands of deaths during the 1980's. The USA strongly supported the government with military aid.

Beginning in 1979, and every day for 12 years, El Salvador's Radio Venceremos operated as an underground radio station. From bunkers under aerial bombardment, on the run from government troops, foiling high-tech jamming efforts, the station fought for its space on the airwaves, just as the guerrilla insurgents battled for space in the nation's political system. Always on the run from endless army offensives, Radio Venceremos became the main voice of the leftist opposition in the middle of a rebellion, challenging the government.

The rebels were never defeated. The 12-year civil war, in which 75,000 lives were lost, ended in 1992. That's when government and leftist rebels signed a peace accord, and when Radio Venceremos left its mountain hide-out to begin broadcasting from San Salvador, the capital city.

The story of Radio Venceremos has now been documented in considerable detail, in Jose Ignacio Vigil's new book, *Rebel Radio*. It's presented as "a tribute to the courage, inventiveness, vitality, and audacity of the Salvadoran people." That's to say, the book is based upon interviews with of the

12 former Radio Venceremos rebels who operated the station during its underground days. Expect a strong dose of the rebels' political viewpoint. This is a 308-page hardcover edition, translated from Spanish. There are 11 photos, plus two maps.

Vigil interweaves the details of the rebel station's operation with insights into guerrilla activities, doctrine, and the reminiscences of the everyday life of the insurgents. This was a bold station that snapped its fingers in the face of adversity. What we found most interesting, was seeing how the feisty little clandestine broadcaster eventually became the nationally recognized voice of a political movement, and an important player in a long rebellion. The amazing power of radio!

You might find it an interesting story. We did. The gutsy underground station that had to keep running for its life every day for more than a decade was definitely a piece of work.

Rebel Radio is \$19.95 from Curbstone Press, 321 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT 06226. Phone: (203) 423-5110.

Getting Out

The next round in the space race won't be run by NASA. This time, it will be private companies building space stations, shooting payloads to the planets. These companies will employ the engineers, technicians, and other personnel that must develop and provide aerospace and communications technologies.

Science fiction, you say? Take another guess. Right now, Congress is grumbling about the public funds allocated to NASA, and suggesting how much better it would be for the private sector to run the Space Program.

B. Alexander Howerton's 160-page illustrated book *Free Space! Real Alternatives for Reaching Outer Space*, tells about ten companies that are gearing up for space travel. Run by NASA/aerospace alumni, they have the savvy and the big-bucks backing to make it happen.

Howerton's book, for example, tells about International Space Enterprises. This is a private U.S./Russian venture with plans to launch a lunar lander in 1997. Another chapter discusses OUSPADEV, which is building a complete space station to operate as a high-flying hotel, complete with zero-gravity honeymoon suites!

Mars Direct, we learn, is a company that plans to convert the Martian atmosphere into fuel to run an outpost there. The Artemis Project proposes to send Hollywood camera crews into outer space.

There is much more in *Free Space!*, including companies that are actively prepar-

FREE SPACE!

Real Alternatives for Reaching Outer Space

by B. Alexander Howerton

ing to construct dwellings for the Moon, Mars, and outer space. It's well written, and tells a most interesting story. Some of the book's illustrations are in color.

Here's a book recommended for anyone curious about the future direction of space exploration and communications. If you're planning on entering or remaining in the aerospace technologies, Howerton's book will provide the scoop on ten companies worth keeping in mind as potential employers.

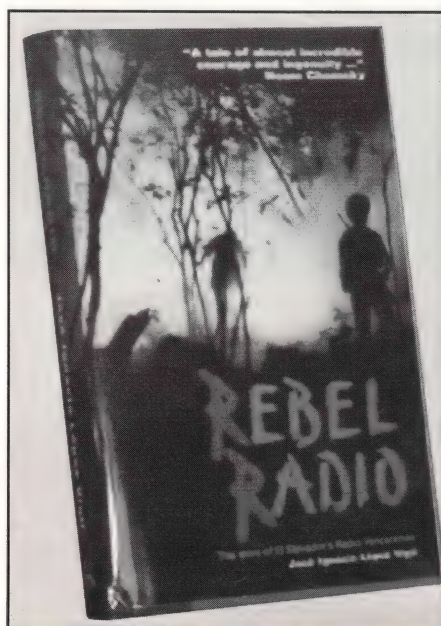
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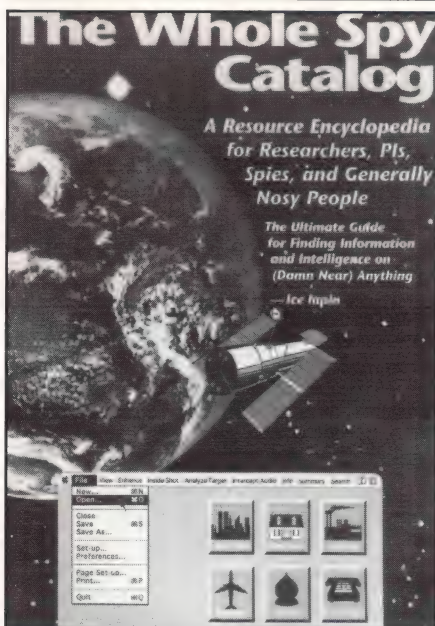
Investigation/Surveillance Information Galore

Surveillance writer Lee Lapin took a full two years to travel in order to interview spies, detectives, information locators, and electronic surveillance experts. When he put his findings down on paper, they emerged as a gigantic 440-page illustrated book weighing nearly 3 lbs. Newly published, this is *The Whole Spy Catalog*.

This is a no-nonsense, hands-on encyclopedia brimming over with professional secrets, tricks of the trade, "inside" phone numbers, source names and addresses, ordering information, and cutting edge techniques to trace, track, surveil, and investigate, anyone or anything.

A sampling of the text and sources covers the latest and greatest audio bugs, phone taps, room monitors, and listening post





equipment. He has a source where you can buy actual KGB surveillance equipment.

Lots of information is provided relating to phone taps and cellular phone intercept, including the software that turns a PC into a cellular reader.

How to locate and research anyone info allows readers to check things out. There are tear-out FAX forms for your immediate use in doing so. Lapin says a \$5 phone call can locate 90 percent of the population if you know the right technique. Shows you how to get a tally of their assets, too.

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The Whole Spy Catalog is \$44.95, plus \$5.00 shipping and handling (\$6 to Canada) from CRB Research Books, Inc., P.O. Box 56, Commack, NY 11725. VISA/MC welcome. Toll-free order line: 1-800-656-0056; Canada/AK/HI orders: (516) 543-9169. (NY State residents please include \$4.00 tax.)

In addition...

We received an interesting 64-page book called *Scanner Busters*, by D.C. Poole. The book, published in Scotland, discusses the use of scanners with respect to coping with communications technologies that make listening difficult. These

technologies include trunked systems, digital short range radios, digital cordless phones, spread spectrum radios, the clipper chip, and GSM (U.K.) cellphones.

The book was written primarily for European scanner owners, so it is mostly keyed towards their systems. Nevertheless the information is generally relevant to systems used here in North America, and is well presented.

This book is priced (only) in Pounds Sterling at 4.95, and is available from Interproducts, 8 Abbot Street, Perth, Scotland PH2 0EB. VISA/MC are accepted. Phone or FAX orders: 011-44-1738-441199. If you don't have a credit card, and you wish to purchase this book, ask at a commercial bank about how to obtain a money order in Pounds Sterling at the current exchange rate. ■

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Radio In Eritrea

Africa's Longest War

BY JAMES RENN

A little over four years ago, in May of 1991, fighters of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) marched into the Eritrean capital city of Asmara, bringing an end to contemporary Africa's longest war. Two years later, in April of 1993, the Provisional government held a referendum on Eritrea's future. In an election monitored by a United Nations observer mission, over 99 percent of the population voted for independence from Ethiopia. Africa's newest country was born.

At the Eritrean National Museum in Asmara a separate building is devoted to the EPLF's 30 year war for independence against Ethiopia. Among the vast array of automatic weapons, artillery pieces, maps, and medical supplies is an olive drab tent, a reel-to-reel tape player, and a couple of shortwave transmitters. It is the original equipment of "Dimtsi Hafash Eritrea," or "The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea."

The station was first set up in 1979, when a massive Soviet military intervention on behalf of the Ethiopian government forced the EPLF to withdraw in a "strategic retreat" to the countryside. "At that time, the EPLF decided it needed a radio station to mobilize our people, organize our army, and inform the world of our situation," says Mahmoud Omar Chirum, Head of Eritrean radio. "It was decided that the only means of expression of our rights and our struggle was through a radio station."

Operating under the EPLF's Department of Information, the Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea began broadcasting from the field, in the northern part of Eritrea known as the Sahel. The station broadcast four hours a day on one shortwave band using 10 kilowatts. Programs were initially in the two principle languages of the area, Tigrinya and Arabic, but Amharic and Tigre were soon added so broadcasts could be directed to Ethiopian forces. The station quickly expanded, broadcasting on five medium wave and three shortwave bands in five languages.

Mahmoud, a former EPLF fighter who joined the station in 1986, says the most difficult problem encountered while sending EPLF's message was the jamming efforts of the Ethiopian government. They got around that problem, he says, by switching to differing frequencies during the day.



"The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea" in Asmara.



Mahmoud Omar Chirum, head of Eritrean Radio.

The station staff also had to contend with bombing runs targeted at silencing the broadcasts. "We had to move the station from place to place to avoid the bombing... but," Mahmoud emphasized, "we never stopped broadcasting."

In May, 1991, the Marxist regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam in Ethiopia was overthrown and EPLF forces fought their way into Asmara, occupying the capital

and bringing an end to Ethiopian control over Eritrea.

The EPLF took control of the medium wave station operated by the Ethiopians in Asmara. During this transition there was a period of about three months where The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea was broadcast simultaneously from Asmara and the Sahel, while the radio staff worked to consolidate operations. Eventually all



Original equipment of *The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea* on display in the Eritrean National Museum, Asmara.

broadcasting, both medium and shortwave, originated in the newly-liberated capital city.

Today, the station broadcasts in six languages on four shortwave and two medium wave frequencies (see table below). It is a rare catch for DXer's in North America, while less so in Europe. Mahmoud keeps a stack of letters on his desk from shortwave listeners in other countries who have heard his station. A majority of the reports come from Europe and a few from Asia.

In these times of cut-backs in governmental support for international radio broadcasts, it is nice to know that Eritrea will become a stronger voice on the short-

wave bands. A new building for the Ministry of Information is being built in Asmara and is scheduled to be ready mid-1996. Expanded operations of the station are being planned with higher-powered transmitters and more programs. And, perhaps of greatest interest to DXer's, an overseas service is in the works, initially with programming in Italian, French, and English.

It will be at least a couple of years before Eritrea becomes an easier catch on short-wave bands. If you are lucky enough to hear it, send Mahmoud a reception report at The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, P.O. Box 872, Asmara, Eritrea. ■

Broadcasting Schedule for "The Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea"

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Schedule (UTC)

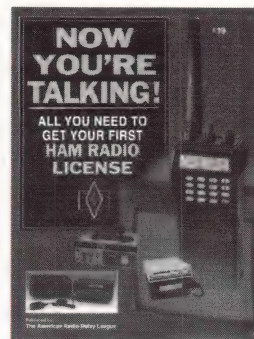
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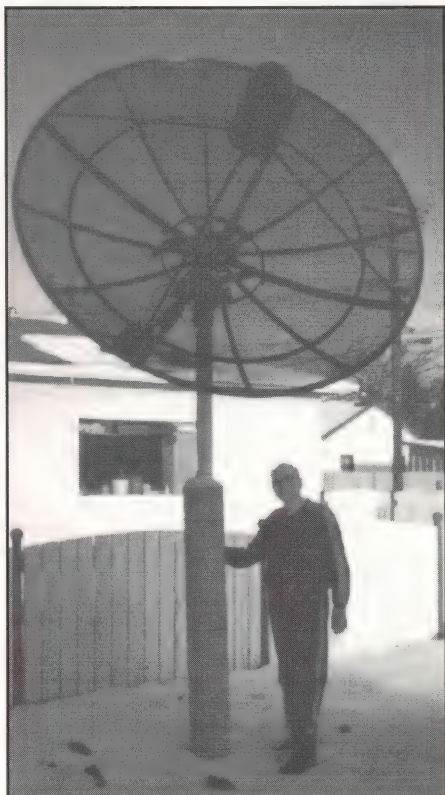
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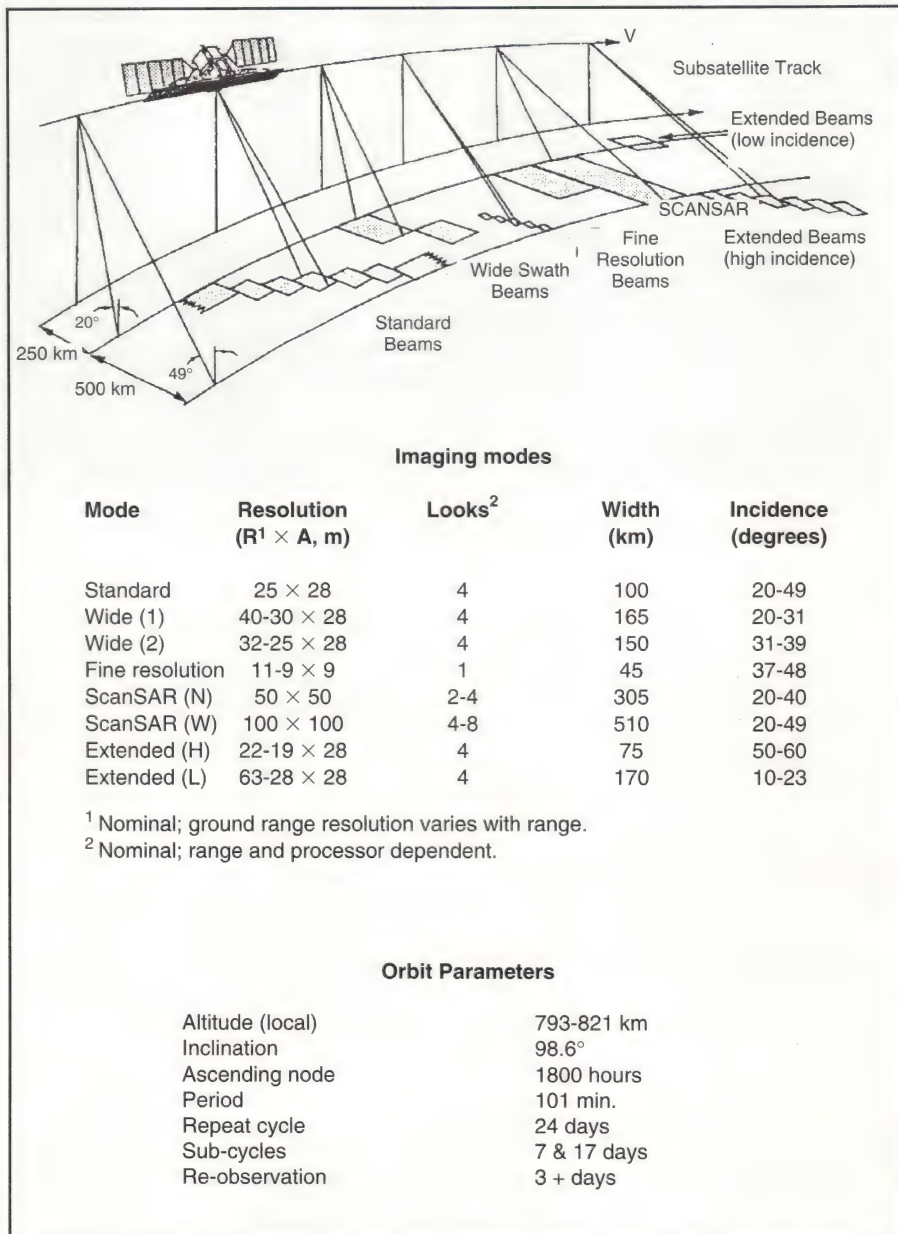
Your Turn



Meet Arthur Schwarz—TVRO hobbyist extraordinaire!

Tom Harrington's book is a much requested item these days. One request comes from Harry Dittmore, of Idaho who wants to know where to get a copy of *Satellite Radio*. The publisher is Universal Electronics Inc., 4555 Groves Road, Suite 12, Columbus, OH 43232; phone (614) 866-4605, FAX (614) 866-1201. It's the best book you'll find on receiving radio signals off your TVRO system; including shortwave as well as domestic stations. The book also explains how to pull a wide variety of data and other specialized digital and voice signals off your system with plenty of easy to read instructions and diagrams. Check it out Harry, and thanks for writing.

Our next letter is from Trevor Fletcher, of Alberta, Canada. He sends an interesting article from the *Canadian Press*. According to the article, U.S. company Power DirecTV wants permission to operate in Canada. They propose using the programming supplied by both American and Canadian communication satellites. Currently only Canadian companies are allowed to operate in the North Country, but the Ca-



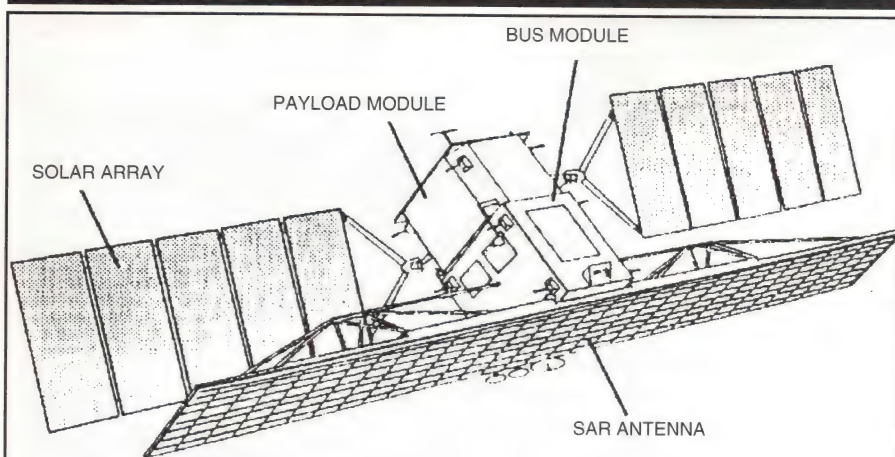
nadian government will decide if cost savings proposed by this U.S. interest will help Canadian consumers.

Trevor sent along a second article as well. Shelley Page of the *Ottawa Citizen* reports the Canadian Space Agency is in the final testing of its newest Earth observation satellite—RADARSAT. This \$500-million spacecraft underwent vibration and thermal testing in preparation for its late summer launch. The spacecraft will use radar to see through clouds and monitor forest fires, floods, and track icebergs, oil spills, and drug runners, according to gov-

ernment officials. The satellite will maintain an orbit of 300 km above the Earth's surface. Its synthetic aperture radar will make images in daylight or in total darkness, and it can view a 500 km wide swath of the Earth.

Finally, Trevor sends along a photo of his friend Arthur Schwarz, a good neighbor who enjoys watching Deutsche Welle TV on his TVRO system. Good to hear from both of you.

Next we hear from Juan Fierro, of Nevada. Juan says he enjoyed the series on weather satellites and has sent along some



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Both figures are courtesy of Canadian Space Agency.

weather maps he has pulled off HF and landline BBS. This can be an economical alternative to direct weather satellite reception. Juan states he built a wefax demodulator from Radio Shack parts for approximately \$5, and uses it with an IBM compatible computer. Juan uses the HFFAX.EXE program that he downloaded from his public domain BBS. He says you can print the photos or line art images on any printer you have available. Some programs however, require the VGA graphics. Almost forgot to mention that Juan is also a licensed Ham —N7RCM. I'm sure others besides myself are interested in your \$5 demodulator plans, Juan. Send them along next time you write.

We again cross the seas for our next let-

ter. It comes from Trace Ward (ZL2BS) of New Plymouth, New Zealand. Trace points out that the Russian amateur satellites RS10/11 and 12/13 (and RS-15 I might add) are easy to use. Trace reports you only need a good quality 10 meter receiver and a 2 meter CW or SSB transmitter to start. After adding a dipole antenna for receive and a 2 meter vertical for uplink, you only need to add a set of headphones to this station arrangement. This will keep you from having problems with feedback loop if you use SSB. Remember the 29.350 to 29.500 MHz is used for SSB and CW satellite downlinks in the Amateur radio service.

Our final letter comes from Wes Leathrock who wants more info on the JVFAX program. He says he's had some difficulty

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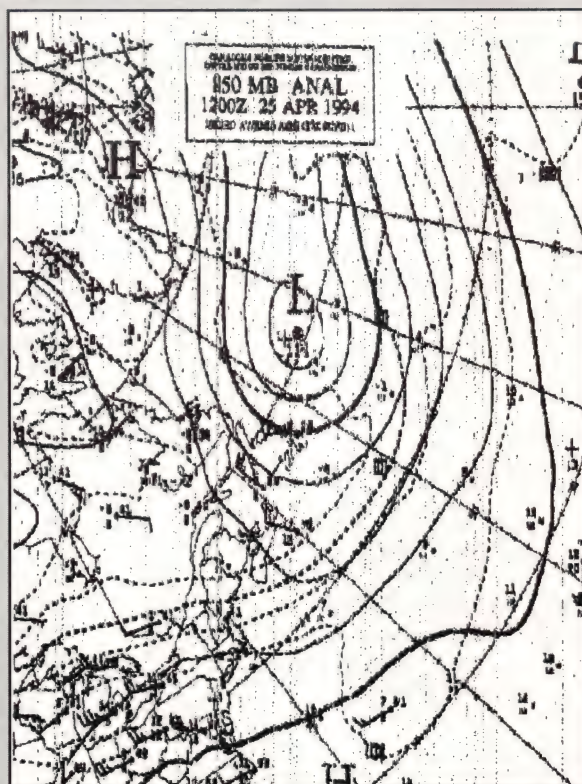
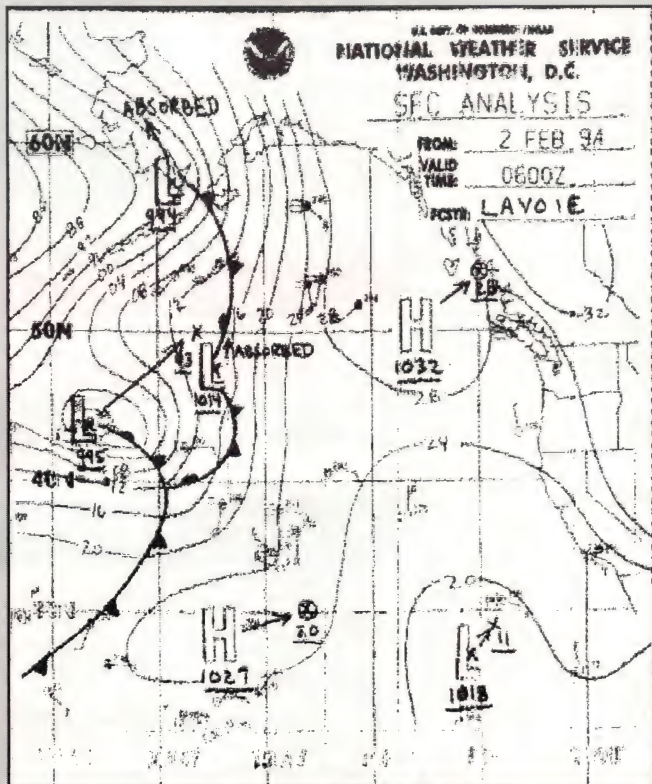
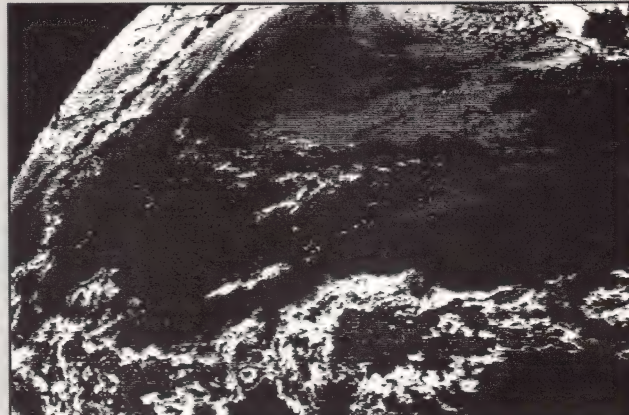
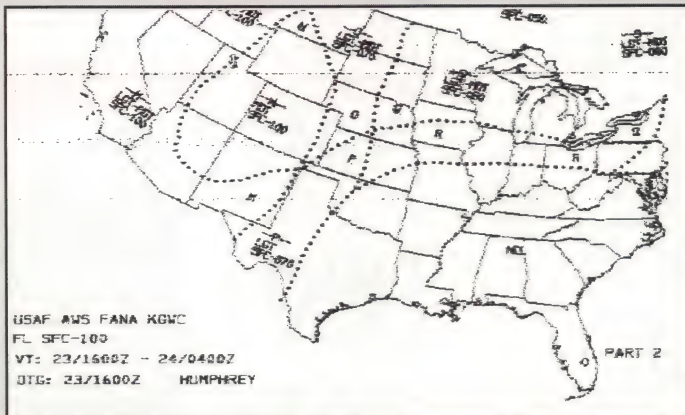
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getting on the BBS to access the program. This information, you may remember, was sent along from old salt satellite sleuth Ron Burke, of Indiana. Wes, a quick call to Ron may explain why you were having problems. It seems that you were having trouble with the program name. It is listed in the BBS as follows: JVFX70.ZIP. This public domain software for displaying weather maps and photos directly off satellites is an IBM or IBM compatible program. Try a different BBS Wes, like the Dallas Imaging Group at (214) 394-7438; look into directory 22—it should top the list. Also try the original BBS carrying this information at (703) 362-8673.

That just about does it for this edition. Don't forget to drop us a line with your questions, photos, and satellite info. See you next month. ■

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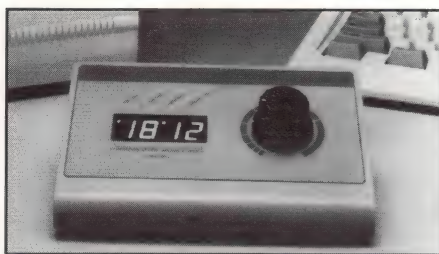
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NEW PRODUCTS

REVIEW OF NEW AND INTERESTING PRODUCTS



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For more information contact Advanced Electronic Applications, Inc., P.O. Box C2160, Lynwood, WA 98036. Phone (206) 774-5554, FAX: (206) 775-2340, or circle 101 on our Readers Service.

New GMRS Radio

Maxon Systems introduced a new General Mobile Radio Service GMRS radio.



The GMRS-210+3 provides 2 watts of power, up to 5 watts when operated with the supplied vehicular power supply cord. Ten-channel operation (seven general purpose, one safety/emergency, and two dealer programmable simplex or repeater channels) provides increased flexibility.

An eight-button keypad is used to select channels, radio programming features and initiate the various scan modes. User programmable options include scan delay time, power save, channel lockout, and transmit time-out timer. CTCSS independently programmed transmit/receive frequencies assure private communication between similarly programmed radios.

The radio's high/low power switch (used to conserve battery capacity) and control knobs are top-mounted for convenient operation. Channel, frequency, and radio status information are displayed on the radio's illuminated LCD.

A variety of optional accessories are available: an external magnetic mount mobile antenna, 3-watt alkaline battery case, 4-watt rechargeable Ni-Cad battery pack, durable speaker/microphone, voice-operated mini-VOX headset, desktop charger, and a durable nylon case.

Included is a 2-watt rechargeable Ni-Cad battery pack, a "Rubber Duck" antenna, an AC/DC charger, a vehicular power supply cord and plug, a belt clip, and hand strap. The handheld radio weighs only 18 oz., and is compact enough to fit into a back pack or glove box.

For more information contact Maxon Systems Sales Department, 10828 NW Air World Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153. Phone: (816) 891-1093.

Noise Reduction Unit

JPS Communications, Inc., announces



the new ANC-4 Antenna Noise Canceller, an RF device designed to remove locally-generated noise from signals received by a primary antenna. The unit is installed right at the antenna connector of the receiver/transceiver to cancel locally-generated noises, such as "power line" noise, computer/TV noise, electrical noise from local machinery or equipment, etc., before they get into the receiver and affect the receiver's AGC circuits. This allows reception of signals well below the noise level induced by the local interference.

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This unit may be used with any receiver or transceiver with RF power output of 150 watts PEP or less. An RF detector built into the unit automatically bypasses the network whenever transmit RF is detected. The unit is not designed to be used at the output of a high power linear power amplifier, but must be installed at the lower RF level of the transceiver, if transmitting is anticipated.

The unit connects between the main station antenna and the receiver antenna connector. A short wire antenna and a short collapsible whip are supplied with each unit to act as the noise pickup antenna.

If no "main" antenna is available, the ANC-4 may be used as an active antenna by plugging the noise antenna (or a longer wire antenna) into the noise antenna jack and using the "noise gain" control to increase the antenna output.

The unit requires 12VDC@300mA. Adapters are available from JPS.

For more information, contact JPS Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 97757 Raleigh, NC 27624-7757, or circle 102 on our Readers' Service.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: INTERNATIONAL SHORTWAVE BROADCASTING BANDS

One of shortwave's oldest broadcasters seems to have discontinued its high frequency operations. Radio Luxembourg can trace its shortwave activity to pre-WWII days, having begun transmissions with a 6 kW transmitter in the 49 meter band back in July, 1938. It was used as a propaganda station by the Nazi's during the war, even carrying broadcasts of William Joyce, the notorious Lord Haw Haw. After the Germans were pushed out in 1944, the station came under the control of SHAEF—Supreme Headquarters-Allied Expeditionary Force, then resumed broadcasting as Radio Luxembourg in the fall of 1945.

The station had dropped its English programming about a year ago, and, a few months ago, discontinued use of 6090—one of its two long used frequencies. Now the other—15350 is also off the air.

We haven't seen any official explanations so perhaps we can cling to some small hope that the situation isn't permanent.

Kol Israel has cut back its English language schedule, although there's some chance this may be reversed. At this writing, however, English from Israel is aired only at 0500-0515 on 7465, 9435 and 17545; 1100-1130 on 15640, 15650 and 17575 and 2000-2010 on 7405, 7465, 9435, 11603 and 17575—less than an hour a day, all told.

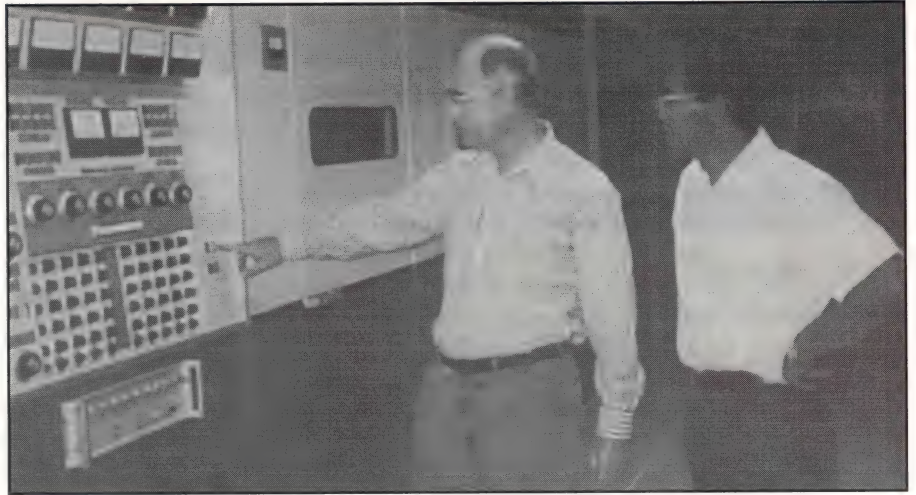
Italy's RAI has been one of the most unchanging of broadcasters over a period of decades. You may remember that last year it began relays via the BBC's Ascension Island station. It's now added the BBC's Singapore station as well! The broadcast is in Italian, on 11850 between 1000-1100.

Speaking of the BBC, there's now a North American edition of the BBC's magazine—*BBC Worldwide*, which contains "comprehensive details" of all BBC broadcasts and frequencies, program features, and previews. It amounts to about 100 pages each month. For more info you can write to BBC Worldwide, Panorama House, 2 the Drive, Hove, East Sussex BN3 288, England.

The Voice of Vietnam is now being relayed by transmitters in Russia. These are aired at 0400-0600 on 5940 (English), and 0600-0700 in Spanish on 7400, beamed to the Americas from a transmitter located north of Amavir. Another VOV/Russia broadcast is believed to air in Vietnamese on 7270 from 0700-0800, though not from the same site.

Ethiopia has a new government station, Radio Fana, scheduled from 0330 to 0800 and 1530 to 1730 on 6210 and 9335, all in Amharic and local languages.

Another new station which may be on the air by now is Radio Alpha and Omega,



AWR Asia put its third transmitter on the air at its station on Guam.



This neat shack belongs to Alain Lorange, St. Leonard, Quebec, and features Sangean 803A and AX-190 shortwave receivers, plus scanners and accessories.

which is supposed to come on the air via the transmitters of the Icelandic National Broadcasting Service. Supposedly the station will eventually have its own transmitters operating from Iceland.

Colombia's government station, Radio Nacional de Colombia is now active on 4955. It has been inconsistently active on 31 and 25 meters in recent years.

Radiotelevision Ivorienne is reported to have reactivated its 11920 frequency, running to sign off at 2000 and including some English. The Ivory Coast government sta-

tion is one of the most difficult stations to QSL in all of Africa—even though they have a QSL card which even includes the term "SWL!" If you are trying to verify this station it might be worth trying to hear and report this new channel.

Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting has a new address: P.O. Box 15875/1575, Tehran, Iran.

KNLS, Alaska says it is now offering seasonal QSL cards, the first one in effect until September 24. The new cards are individually numbered and limited to 200 each.

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	*19:30	7.250(30 min.)
	21:00	6.480, 15.575
North America	01:00	15.575
	06:00	11.945
	**11:30	9.650(30 min.)
South America	01:00	7.550
Middle East & Africa	16:00	9.515, 9.870
Southeast Asia	12:30	9.570(30 min.)
		13.670(30 min.)
General Service	12:00	7.180
	12:30	11.740(30 min.)
	14:00	5.975, 7.275
		11.740
	16:00	5.975
	19:00	5.975

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Radio Korea International's time/frequency schedule. Thanks to Stan Schmidt, Evansville, Indiana.

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WRNO, New Orleans says it QSL's 100 percent. Send the usual report info—date, time, frequency, and program details heard to WRNO Worldwide, P.O. Box 100, New Orleans, LA 70181. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or two International Reply Coupons. WRNO offers many limited edition QSL cards.

Odd doings with signals from the Voice of Turkey, reports Steve Pellicciari, of Norwalk, CT. Steve says the station's car-

rier is always on, even when there's no programming. And there's always an "annoying high pitch whistle" present. Anyone else notice this? (Nice to hear from you again, Steve!)

Your loggings are always welcome. Just remember to list them by country, double space them (at a minimum) and add your last name and state abbreviation to each. We're also in need of shack photos, spare QSLs and such for use as illustrations. Station schedules, shortwave news and observations, QSL information (station addresses, reporting requirements, etc.) background information, and so on are also very much welcome.

Loggings

Here are this month's logs. Remember that all times are UTC, which is five hours ahead of EST, making 0000 the equivalent

Abbreviations Used in Listening Post

AA	Arabic
BC	Broadcasting
CC	Chinese
EE	English
FF	French
GG	German
ID	Identification
IS	Interval Signal
JJ	Japanese
mx	Music
NA	North America
nx	News
OM	Male
pgm	Program
PP	Portuguese
RR	Russian
rx	Religion/ious
SA	South America/n
SS	Spanish
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time (ex-GMT)
v	Frequency varies
w/	With
WX	Weather
YL	Female
//	Parallel Frequencies

of 7 p.m. EST, 6 p.m. CST, etc. Language broadcast is assumed to be English unless otherwise indicated (AA=Arabic, GG=German, FF=French, etc.).

ALBANIA—Radio Tirana, on 9580//11840 at 0230 with news. (Pellicciari, CT)

ANTIGUA—BBC relay, 5975 at 0445. (Pellicciari, CT)

ARGENTINA—Radio Nacional, 6060 at 0835 in SS with ID. (Martin, IL) 11710 at 0933 in SS. (Pappas, SD)

ARMENIA—Radio Yerevan, 9480 at 2302 with news read by woman. (Dybka, TN)

ASCENSION ISLAND—BBC World Service for Africa on 9600 at 0300 with "Network Africa." (Jeffery, NY)

AUSTRALIA—Radio Australia, 5995 at 1320 with economic news. (Larison, NE) 6020//9580//9860 at 0730 with Pacific Service. (Pellicciari, CT) 9660 via Darwin at 2315. (Dybka, TN) 9710 at 1041. (Fox, NC) 17860 at 0203. (Martin, IL)

AUSTRIA—Radio Austria Int'l, 6015 (via Canada) at 0550. (Fox, NC)

BENIN—Radiodiffusion du Benin (at Parakou, editor), at 0621, in FF, with music on 5025. (Martin, IL)

BOLIVIA—Radio Tropico, 4549.4 at 0414-0443 close, with vocals, yipping, folk music with ID. Flutes and accordions. (Paszkievicz, WI)

BRAZIL—Radio Cancao Nova, 9675 at 2307 with ID in PP, mention of Sao Paulo. (Dybka, TN)

Radio Cultura (Araraquara) on 3365 in PP at 0027 with music. (Jeffery, NY)

Radio Nova Visao, 11705.1 at 2359-0030 in PP with music, announcements, ID, mentions of Brazil, religious talk with applause. (Paszkievicz, WI)

Radio Sao Gabriel, Cachoeira, 3375 in PP at 2305. (Martin, IL)

BULGARIA—Radio Bulgaria, 9700 at 2130, 2205, 0010. (Larison, NE)

BURKINA FASO—Radio Burkina, 4815 at 0651 in FF. (Martin, IL)

CANADA—Canadian Forces Network, via RCI, 5920//9755 at 0309 with sports, messages to military personnel from loved ones. (Dybka, TN)

CFCX, 6005, at 1800. (Pellicciari, CT)

CBC Northern Service, 9625 at 1715 with science program. (Pellicciari, CT)

Radio Canada Int'l, 11845 at 2330 and 11940 in FF at 2335. (Vaage, CA) 11855 and 17820 at 1355. (Larison, NE)

CHAD—Radiodiffusion Nationale, 4904 at 0603 in FF with music and talk. (Martin, IL)

CHINA—China Radio International, 9690 (via Spain) at 0300 with report on US-China trade. (Pellicciari, CT)

Gansu People's Broadcasting System, 9710 in CC

at 2305; 0427. (Klingman, NY; Jeffery, NY) Listed as low power and irregular operation, Editor.

CPBS, 4905 at 2305 in CC. (Martin, IL)

COLOMBIA—La Voz del Rio Aruca, 4895 at 0309-0340 with jingles, mentions of Bogota, "buenos noches," ID, "Colombiano," phone talk, commercial, RCN ID. (Paszkievich, WI)

Radio Super, Bogota, 6065 in SS at 0635. (Martin, IN)

Caracol Bogota, 5075//6150 at 0504 in SS with IDs, news, music. (Martin, IL) 0645 with music, ID 0700. (Pellicciari, CT) 6150 at 0532. (Pappas, SD)

CONGO—RTV Congolaise, 4765 at 0510 in FF with music, talk, drums. (Martin, IL)

COSTA RICA—Adventist World Radio, 5030 in SS at 1018. (Pappas, SD) 9725 at 0022 with ID and address of PO Box 1177, Alajuela, Costa Rica, and program "The Quiet Moment." (Zamora, NM) 9725 at 2304 with "Heartsongs," ID and "It is Written." (Jeffery, NY)

TIFC, 5054.6 at 1111 in SS. (Pappas, SD)

Radio For Peace Int'l., 7385.3 at 0939. (Pappas, SD) 15050 at 0532 with ID and ad for RFPI shirts. (Jeffery, NY) Gives address as P.O. Box 88, Santa Ana, Costa Rica and USA phone of (503) 345-3326. (Fletcher, BC)

Radio Reloj, 4831.7 at 0406 with music, news, clock ticking, tones, talk. (Martin, IL) 0842 in SS with music, IDs. (Pappas, SD)

CROATIA—Croatian Radio, 5895 at 2314 with talks and classical music. (Martin, IL)

CUBA—Radio Havana Cuba, 6000//9820//9830 at 0200 with news, "DXers Unlimited." (Pellicciari, CT) 9505 at 2350 in SS. (Vaage, CA) 9820 at 0335. (Wilden, IN) 9830USB at 0610. (Fox, NC) 11720 at 1538 in EE. (Martin, IL)

Radio Rebelde, 5025 in SS at 1421; 0015. (Dybka, TN; Martin, IL)

CZECH REPUBLIC—Radio Prague, 7345 at 0000 with news and features. (Larison, NE)

DENMARK—Radio Denmark, via Norway, 5965



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at 0610 in Danish. (Pellicciari, CT) 11850 in DD at 1530 with ID. (Pappas, SD)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Radio Barahona, 4930 at 0204 with news in SS. (Klingman, NY)

ECUADOR—Radio Jesus del Gran Poder, 5049.8 at 1131 in SS. (Pappas, SD)

Radio Escuelas Radiofonicas, 5010.3 at 1117 in SS with talk and music. (Pappas, SD)

La Voz del Napo, 3280 at 1100 in SS with ID. (Pappas, SD) 1101 with music, ID. (Dybka, TN) 0202 in SS with music. (Martin, IL)

Radio Quito, 4920 at 0601 with SS and rap. (Dybka, TN)

HCJB on 3220 with Andean flute music at 1104. (Dybka, TN)

9420 at 0743 to 0830 sign off, "Saludos Amigos" broadcast to Europe. (Pappas, SD) 9745 at 0200.

(Fox, NC) 12005 at 0200 with time check, announcement and "On Line" program. (Wilden, IN)

ENGLAND—BBC on 11750 at 2317. (Vaage, CA) 12097 at 1703. (Wilden, IN)

EQUATORIAL GUINEA—Radio Nacional, 4925 at 0553 in unidentified language with music and drums. (Martin, IL)

FINLAND—Radio Finland Int'l, 17740 at 1440. (Larison, NE)

FRANCE—Radio France Int'l, via Gabon, 4890 at 0445 in FF with pops. (Martin, IL) 12015 (via Gabon, editor)/15530 at 1600. (Larison, NE)

FRENCH GUIANA—RFO Guyane, 5055 at 0520 in FF with pops and talk. (Martin, IL)

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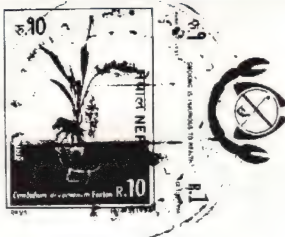
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GREECE—Voice of Greece, 6260 at 0430 with news. (Pellicciari, CT) Here and parallel 7450 at 0000 with sign on, ID in EE, news in Greek. (Daniels, NJ)

GUATEMALA—La Voz de Nahuatl, 3362 at 0014 in SS with music, talk, ID. (Martin, IL)

Radio Tezulutlan, 4835 at 0154 in SS with music, ID. (Martin, IL)

Radio Cultural, 3300 in SS at 0018 with religious program. (Martin, IL) 0410. (Klingman, NY)

Radio Maya de Barillas, 3324.8 at 1204 in SS with IDs at 1219 and 1228. (Pappas, SD)

HAWAII—KWHR, 9830 at 1030. (Fox, NC)

HONDURAS—Radio Internacional, 4930 in SS at 2330 with music and IDs. (Martin, IL) 0241 with sports. (Dybka, TN)

Radio Copan International, 15675 at 2101 with ID, address. (Martin, IL)

Radio Luz y Vida, 3250 at 0020 in SS with talk and music. (Martin, IL) 0144 with SS love songs. (Klingman, NY)

La Voz Evangelica, 4820 at 1230 with religious programs in SS. (Pappas, SD) 0221. (Martin, IL)

ISRAEL—Kol Israel on 9435 at 1800. (Fox, NC) Resuth Hasidur, 9390 at 0130 with interview program in Hebrew. (Klingman, NY)

JAPAN—Radio Japan, via Canada, 5960 at 0300 with ID, news and magazine program. (Zamora, NM) 6025 via Canada at 0500. (Jeffery, NY) 0559. (Wilden, IN) 9535 at 1510 with news, ID, "This Week." Off at 1600. (Zamora, NM) 1900. (Larison, NE) 12015 at 0306. (Dybka, TN)

JORDAN—Radio Jordan, 9560 at 1405. (Larison, NE) 1610. (Jeffery, NY) 9830 at 1800 in AA. (Pellicciari, CT)

KENYA—Kenya Broadcasting Corp., 4995 at 0215 in EE with woman dj. (Martin, IL)

KUWAIT—Radio Kuwait, in AA at 1800' 1801. (Jeffery, NY; Pellicciari, CT) 11990 at 1800. (Fox, NC)

LESOTHO—Radio Lesotho, 4800 at 0345 in unidentified language, cow mooing, birds singing, talks. (Martin, IL)

LIBERIA—ELWA, 4760 at 2152 with religious programs in EE. (Martin, IL)

MALI—China Radio Internationale via Mali, 15110 at 2014 with music, report on China's agriculture. (Martin, IL)

MALTA—Voice of the Mediterranean, 11925 at 1359 with IS and music. (Jeffery, NY)

MAURITANIA—Radio Mauritanie, 4845 in AA at 0643 with music. (Martin, IL)

MEXICO—Radio Mil, 6010 at 0717 with SS music and talk. (Martin, IL) 0800. (Pellicciari, CT)

Radio Educacion, 6185 in SS at 0422 with music and IDs in SS/EE. (Martin, IL) 0830 in EE/SS. (Pellicciari, CT)

MOLDOVA—Radio Dnester Int'l, 9620 with music, news in EE, address and sign off at 2159. (Dybka, TN)

MOROCCO—VOA relay, 17895 at 1700 with VOA Africa. (Dybka, TN)

NAMIBIA—Namibian Broadcasting Corp, 3270 at 0400 with news and African pops. (Klingman, NY) 3290 at 0103 with music. (Martin, IL)

NETHERLANDS—Radio Netherlands, 6015 at 0334 with weather. (Fletcher, BC) 6020 at 2358. (Martin, IL) 0400. (Fox, NC)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES—Radio Netherlands Bonaire relay, 6165 at 0005. (Larison, NE) 15315 at 2215 in Dutch. (Zamora, NM) 17605 at 1900. (Larison, NE)

NEW ZEALAND—Radio New Zealand, 9700 at 0710. (Martin, IL) 15115 at 2308 with news and music. (Jeffery, NY)

NIGER—La Voix du Sahel, 5020 in FF at 0603. (Martin, IL)

NIGERIA—Radio Nigeria, Lagos, 3326 at 2302 with unison voices singing. (Martin, IL) 4770 from Kaduna at 0604 with instrumentals and new age. (Wilden, IN)

NORTH KOREA—Radio Pyongyang, 13760 at 0000 and 15130 at 0005. (Larison, NE) 11334.8//13760//15130 at 0008 with IDs. (Pappas, SD)

NORWAY—Radio Norway Int'l, 11850 at 1500 in NN with ID. (Pappas, SD)

PARAGUAY—Radio Nacional, 9735 at 0110: 0130 in SS with music. (Martin, IL; Pellicciari, CT)

PERU—Radio San Martin, 4810 at 0325; 0410 with music and SS. (Pellicciari, CT; Klingman, NY)

Radio Sensacion, 6895.2 at 2342-0015 with religious talk, organ bridge, mention of Huancabamba. (Paszkievicz, WI)

Radio Norandina, 4460.8 at 0330 with vocals and flutes, ID, announcements, vocals, mention of "onda corta." (Paszkievicz, WI)

Radio Soledad, 4633, presumed, 0353-0410 fade, with vocals, announcement, ID, drama. (Paszkievicz, WI)

Radio Frecuencia San Ignacio, 5700 at 0215-0240. Vocals with flutes, announcements, ID, huaynos. (Paszkievicz, WI)

Radio Andina, 4995 at 0625 with music. (Martin, IL)

Radio Eco, 5097 at 0459 in SS. (Martin, IL)

Radio Cora, 4914 at 0401 in SS. (Martin, IL)

POLAND—Polish Radio, 6000 at 2047 with interview. (Jeffery, NY)

PORTUGAL—RFE/RL on 15370 at 1640 in RR. News item about Chechnya. (Pappas, SD)

Radio Portugal, 9570 at 0230 with stamp corner. (Pellicciari, CT)

RUSSIA—Voice of Russia, 7105 at 0220 with Commonwealth update. (Pellicciari, CT) 7150 at 2100 with ID, news. (Dybka, TN) 2200 with world service. (Fox, NC) 13640 at 2320. (Larison, NE)

Golos Rossi, 15290 at 0928 in RR. (Pappas, NY)

SAUDI ARABIA—BSKSA, 9870 in AA at 1800. (Pellicciari, CT)

SOUTH AFRICA—Channel Africa, 11725 at 0508 in FF with IDs and music. (Martin, IL)

SABC, 4810 at 0200 w/music, news. (Martin, IL)

Radio Oranje, 7270 at 0511 with cigarette and tire commercials. (Dybka, TN) (May have gone off the air by now, editor)

SPAIN—Radio Exterior, 6055 in SS and 9540 in EE. (Pellicciari, CT) 9540 at 0035 with sports news, ID, "Cultural Encounters." (Zamora, NM) 0522. (Martin, IL)

SWEDEN—Radio Sweden, 6195 at 0230 with news. (Pellicciari, CT) 11650 at 1435 with "In Touch with Stockholm." Off at 1500. (Zamora, NM)

SWITZERLAND—Swiss Radio Int'l, 6135 at 0100. (Fox, NC) 9885 at 0105. (Larison, NE) 9905 at 0030 with IS, ID with frequencies for Central America, time check and into GG. (Zamora, NM)

TAHITI—Radio Tahiti, 15169 at 0759 in FF. (Martin, IL)

TAIWAN—Voice of Free China, via WYFR at 0302 on 9590, news followed by Chinese classical music. (Wilden, IN)

THAILAND—Radio Thailand, 7145 at 1300 sign on with IS and IS "This is HSK9, Radio Thailand World Service broadcasting from Bangkok." and into JJ program, then into Mandarin at 1315. (Zamora, NM)

TOGO—Radio Kara, 3222 at 2245 in FF. (Martin, IL)

Rdf. Togolaise, Lome, 5047 at 0622 in FF. (Martin, IL)

TURKEY—Voice of Turkey, 9445 at 2300. (Larison, NE)

UGANDA—Radio Uganda, 4976 at 0410 with news, commercials, music. (Martin, IL)

UKRAINE—Radio Ukraine Int'l, 9810 at 0102 with news, ID, music program. (Dybka, TN)

VATICAN—Vatican Radio, 7305 at 0310 with IS and sign off. (Wilden, IN)

VENEZUELA—Ecos del Torbes, 4980, at 1048 in SS with IDs at 1050, 1052. (Pappas, SD) 0140; 0340. (Pellicciari, CT; Martin, IL)

VIETNAM—Voice of Vietnam, 9840 at 2220. (Larison, NE)

YUGOSLAVIA—Radio Yugoslavia, 6190 at 0211 in EE. (Dybka, TN)

ZAMBIA—Christian Voice, 4965 at 0423-0450 with test, ID, Christian contemporary music, address, jingle, contest and program previews. Also announced 6065 and 7250. (Paszkievicz, WI)

And that does it! Raise your glass, tip your hat, click your heels in appreciation to the following who came through for you this month:

Jill Dybka, Nashville, TN; Bjorn F. Vaage, Granada Hills, CA; Dave Jeffery, Niagara Falls, NY; Steve Larison, Holdrege, NE; Tim Daniels, Jackson, NJ; Marina Pappas, Huron, SD; Richard Klingman, Mt. Upton, NY; Trevor Fletcher, Vancouver, BC; Clifford Fox, Hiddenite, NC; Steve Pellicciari, Norwalk, CT; Sheryl Paszkievicz, Manitowoc, WI; Larry R. Zamora, Alamogordo, NM; Sue Wilden, Columbus, IN; Lisa Martin, Zeigler, IL.

Thanks to each of you!

Until next month—good listening!

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"Still enjoy 'listening,' especially chasing after the unusual sounding signals on the air with the aid of a computer. It was actually SWLing that got me started in my chosen profession—I am currently Chief Operator of WSBS Radio (860 kHz)."

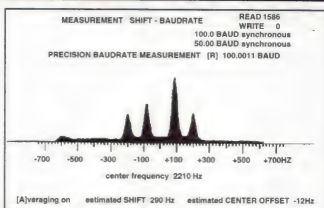
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Use the search function on your scanner and explore those active channels that may be in use only during the "outside" months of June, July and August. If you like listening to business or special emergency frequencies, here's a tip: School buses aren't using these channels during the summer months. Remember, you may find new users on these frequencies if you don't have to monitor school buses!

Windy City Monitoring

An anonymous reader from the Chicago area says he's been a *POP'COMM* subscriber for many years and enjoys the magazine because it always provides him with useful data and scanning perspectives.

He says he has used a special technique for scanning Chicago police and he's been keeping a bank programmed in this method ever since he learned of it. Here is how he takes into consideration of programming the scanner and why he does it as such:

The city of Chicago is divided into 25 police districts. Primary dispatch frequencies are shared by two police districts that usually are adjacent. The exception to this is District 3, which has a dispatch frequency all to itself. Each primary dispatch frequency is called a radio "zone" and is numbered one through 13. The first two numbers of a given unit designator tell which district the unit is in. For example, Unit 2514 would be a unit of District 25.

There also are frequencies that virtually all police units have the capability to monitor. These are "citywide" channels and, as the name implies, make the listener aware that the forthcoming radio traffic is intended for all units to hear, no matter where they happen to be.

One scanning and programming method that some listeners believe might simplify matters a bit and avoid the scanner from stopping on an active frequency that contains routine radio traffic (and preventing hearing something of interest that may be



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happening on another frequency) is as follows: If your scanner contains at least 20 channels, program channels 1 through 13 with the corresponding radio zone numbers. Channel 1 would be programmed with the frequency of Zone 1, Channel 2 with Zone 2, etc. Channels 14 through 20 would be programmed with the citywide frequencies.

Then, lockout channels 1 through 13. By doing this, you are only checking and stopping on active citywide frequencies while scanning. On the citywide channels, you may hear something like: "Units on

citywide, report of shots fired, man down, at (address or intersection), this is the Fifth District, Zone 9 radio." If you wish to hear the radio traffic of the responding units, you would only have to manually go directly to channel 9 and just listen there until you've heard what you want to know.

One could, of course, modify this to suit personal preferences. If you want to keep track of all activity constantly, within a particular district or districts, you might want to "unlock" the channel containing the zone number for the district of interest. If

your scanner has a priority function, you could still leave the channel "locked out" and just make the channel number of importance a "priority" channel, then engage the priority function.

Here's a list of Chicago Police Department primary frequencies:

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| 1. 460.475 | Zone 1 (Districts 16 and 17) |
| 2. 460.050 | Zone 2 (Districts 19 and 23) |
| 3. 460.225 | Zone 3 (Districts 13 and 14) |
| 4. 460.150 | Zone 4 (Districts 1 and 18) |
| 5. 460.500 | Zone 5 (Districts 2 and 21) |
| 6. 460.400 | Zone 6 (Districts 7 and 8) |
| 7. 460.075 | Zone 7 (District 3 alone) |
| 8. 460.200 | Zone 8 (Districts 4 and 6) |
| 9. 460.025 | Zone 9 (Districts 5 and 22) |
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| 11. 460.375 | Zone 11 (Districts 20 and 24) |
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857.9375, 858.9375, 859.9375, 860.9375.

(Note: The 800 frequencies are trunked.)

The anonymous reader who sent in this great listening tip thought that perhaps this method of monitoring Chicago police might be beneficial to listeners in the Chicago area. This trick will work in any metro area that has frequencies set up in a similar fashion. It's a great method to monitor all the hot action without having to listen to activities that aren't too exciting (like car stops, etc.).

Restoring Cellular

One of the questions I receive the most for this column is how to restore deleted cellular frequencies from a scanner. Regardless of what the law says about eavesdropping on cellular, many still want to be able to access the 869-894 MHz band on their mobile or handheld scanners.

On some scanners, the operation is simple to carry out. However, I caution those who have never held a soldering iron before that the time to learn is not when the guts of your radio are sprawled out across a desk. You'd be better off learning how to solder on an old transistor radio and leave the scanner job to someone more experienced or a neighborhood ham who would be willing to oblige.

Each scanner that can be modified for cellular reception (and that means that some *cannot* be modified) has a method

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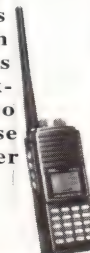
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that generally works only for that scanner. So, if I were to tell you how to modify a Uniden Bearcat 200XLT scanner, that doesn't mean that the same procedure would work for a Uniden Bearcat 2500-XLT, for instance.

If you are sincerely interested in restoring the cellular bands to a new scanner, you should ask about the procedure from the business you purchased your scanner from. They may be willing to mail you instructions to help you accomplish the task.

If you can't get your hands on a hot sheet to tell you how to make the mod, you should consider one of the several modification books that have been published and are available from several of the advertisers in POP'COMM. These books will give you the information needed to make the change to your scanner.

It should be noted, too, that while the procedure may work on a particular model, there may be changes to the cellular modification depending on the model's serial number. These modification books generally offer this information.

In addition, if you are wired, many computer bulletin boards and online services, as well as Internet FTP sites such as oak.oakland.edu, offer modification files for download.

Scanning Around the Falls

Mike Iszak, VE3XLS, writes from Port

Colborne, Ontario, which is near Niagara Falls and Buffalo, New York. He passes along some frequencies of interest for his area, which should prove interesting to monitor if you find yourself near the falls: 142.230, Port Colborne and Welland police; 142.410, St. Catharine's police; 153.800, Niagara Region Fire Department F1; 153.770, Niagara Region Fire Department F2; 169.080, Port Colborne Works Department; 170.280, Augustine School Bus lines; 147.300, VE3WCR ham repeater; 460.425 and 460.075, Buffalo police; 155.130, Niagara Regional Ambulance dispatch; 152.135, Niagara Regional Paramedics (ambulance to hospital); 141.690, Ontario Provincial Police (CTCSS tone decoder required because of constant transmissions); 160.935, CN Rail dispatch; 161.415, CN Rail end-to-end.

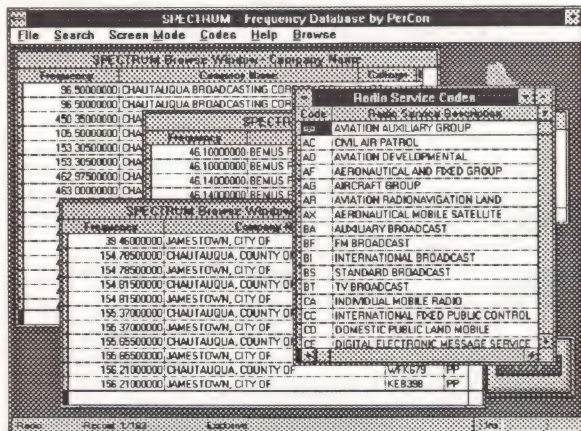
Mike uses a Realistic Pro-42 portable, a Pro-2032 base and a Pro-2025 mobile, and monitors the 147.300 VE3WCR repeater.

Send 'Em In

What are your favorite frequencies? Do you have any scanner-related questions? Do you have any listening tips worth passing along to your fellow readers? How about sending in a photo of your listening post or antenna farm? Write to: Chuck Gysi, N2DUP, Scanning VHF/UHF, Popular Communications, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801-2909, or e-mail to POPCOMM@aol.com via the Internet. ■

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The word I'm getting is that activity on the pirate radio frequencies has dropped off in recent months, possibly due to current FCC activity. Several operators have been cited by the Feds of late, so it's not hard to figure that would create a little timidity. Or it could simply be one of those occasional "natural" downturns in activity, but I tend to doubt it. Anyway, let's see what's in the file this month.

George Roberts, of Pennsylvania caught Black Rider Radio on 6955 lower sideband at 0200, with a wide mix of music—everything from jazz to hillbilly. This apparently new station didn't announce any kind of QSL mail drop, at least George didn't note anything up to their sign off at 0230. Any-one have an address for this?

Solid Rock Radio was heard by Don Sebesky, of North Carolina at 0130 on 7415 upper sideband airing some kind of radio drama, but signals were poor and Don says he couldn't make out much of the story.

Don also had Radio USA at 0320 on 6955 with host Mr. Blue Sky and heavy rock, an ad for 3-K Laboratories, plugs for t-shirts, mentions of several frequencies often used by pirate stations.

Radio Is Not Radio—Jack Sheldon, in Michigan snagged this one on 6955 upper sideband at 0255 with computer-voiced ID "The Real Radio is Not Radio does not QSL" and "Radio USA is not Radio USA." Also a list of people who were "not" other people. "You could get a headache trying to figure this out," says Jack. Indeed. (By the way, George Roberts is not Jack Sheldon and did not report this station and both did not report this station!)

Rock of North America—RKNA—was heard by Sebesky at 2341 on 6956 upper sideband, hosted by "The Old Western Fella" who played several rock numbers, mentioned one or two other pirate radio stations and gave the Wellsville mail drop address. Also mentioned something about a laser powered power supply.

Up Against the Wall Radio was another Roberts logging. This was heard on 6957 at 0205, carrying rock tunes and talking about the end of the world "as we know it." Good level in Pennsylvania, but very little talk content.

WLIS—We Love Interval Signals is still going strong. It was heard by Roberts on 7415 to 0400 sign off but being QRM'd by The Real Radio USA. Radio Animal was the host, as usual. He announced the Blue Ridge Summit address for QSL reports.

Voice of the Unknown Monkey Spanker was found on 6996 upper sideband at 0632 with hosts "Uncle Spanky" and "Harry Palms." Included a song called

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Duane Vandenburg, of Wisconsin got this early QSL from the North American Pirate Relay Service.

"Spanking the Monkey for Free Radio" and dedicated the program to "famous monkey spankers," including yours truly! Hey, I've never even met a monkey—and didn't care for the group very much, either!

Voice of Laryngitis on 6955 upper sideband was noted at 0131 by Bud McPowell in Georgia. They featured "Cowboy Stan Huxley" and a number of songs and comments not in very good taste. Off at 0209.

Radio Free Massachusetts was logged by Sebesky on 9655 upper sideband at 0545. Various pop/rock numbers and host H.V. Short saying it was a test transmission. Also IDs in French, as well as English.

I get two or three letters each month from listeners who are new to the pirate chasing scene and who invariably ask the same basic questions—where and when do you look for them, "why haven't I been able to hear one yet?," and how to QSL them once they have been heard. Obviously I don't have the space to cover the answers to such questions. The answers, however, can be found in the annual *Pirate Radio Directory*, by Andrew Yoder and George Zeller (\$12.95 plus \$2 s/h from Tiare Publications). Zeller's excellent introduction to pirate radio answers all your questions, and covers all the bases.

Michael Forinash, of South Dakota wonders about something called "Full Disclosure," which he heard apparently being relayed by WWCR. This is a commercial shortwave program, Michael, paid for by the program sponsor or producer. Some of these program names do sound like a

tag belonging to a real pirate station. Not so is the case, though.

Once again, a reminder that I welcome your logging reports and other pirate information whenever you have material you can send. Join the of the pirateers and contribute as often as you can! Thanks. I also need copies of QSLs for use as illustrations. Your help is very much appreciated!

Before closing this month, apologies to Duane Vandenburg, of Wisconsin, whom I renamed "Dave" in the March issue. Sorry, Duane!

I'll be back next month with more pirate radio logs and information. ■



GPS and Radio Location

Most of you have heard about the satellite navigation system that is now in place. This constellation of satellites is known as GPS, which stands for Global Positioning System. GPS first came to the attention of the public in a big way during Operation Desert Storm. Troops in the flat desert used small portable GPS units to determine their exact location. Since the war, GPS has taken the country by storm.

GPS satellites orbit the earth twice every day, transmitting exact time and position information. This information relates to latitude, longitude, and altitude. With a portable GPS receiver, the exact position anywhere on earth can be determined by the user. This information, which gave the troops their position in the desert, cannot be used by civilians in many different ways.

When fully operational, the GPS satellite system will consist of 21 working satellites and three orbiting spare satellites. Operating 11,000 miles above the earth, these satellites will send signals to users below giving them two dimensional and a three dimensional positioning information. Although the Department of Defense has desensed the system slightly for obvious reasons, the current GPS satellites can still give you, the civilian user, your exact position in longitude and latitude within just a few feet. It is very accurate, even in this desensed operating condition.

The basis of Global Positioning System technology is precise time and position information. By using atomic clocks, which are accurate to within one second every 70,000 years, for time information and location data which is programmed into the satellite, the satellite sends out a continuous signal, which consists specifically of this time and position information. On the ground, the GPS unit receives these signals, and by calculating the distance between the user and each satellite, it determines the exact position on the earth's surface. It takes a minimum of three satellites to get a position fix. Four satellite signals are desired for optimum accuracy. And, reception of more than three make the position fix even more exact. By using the calculations of at least three satellites, an algorithm computation takes place within the GPS unit, and a position fix can be determined.

Initially, positions were displayed in longitude and latitude only on the face of most GPS units. With the improvement of GPS units, they include much more than just

longitude and latitude displays. Map interfaces now show LED mapping information, most tailored for marine and aviation use. The FAA has recently approved instrument approaches to airports during instrument flying weather using published GPS approach charts. The use of GPS information is certainly not limited to aviation and marine users.

GPS units depend on at least three satellite signals to give a two dimensional fix or display. Four satellite signals are required for the much more desired three dimensional position fix. The FAA GPS instrument approach requirements depend on four signals for the equipment to operate properly.

Each satellite in the 21-satellite system broadcasts two different signals. One is known as the Standard Positioning Service or SPS. This system is for civilian use worldwide. The other system is known as the Precise Positioning Service or PPS. The PPS system is the very exact military system. The SPS system gives the worldwide user an accuracy of up to 25 meters. A meter is 39.37 inches, so 25 meters equals about 85 feet. Because the Department of Defense doesn't feel civilian users need much more accuracy than that, the SPS signals are subjected to SA, Selective Availability interference. When engaged, SA enters random errors into the data stream transmitted by the satellites. When SA is engaged, SPS signal accuracy can be reduced to an error of 100 meters or 328 feet. This is desired in the event there is a military action in progress somewhere in the world, and unfriendly forces are trying to use the GPS system to their advantage.

By using a technique called Differential Global Position System or DGPS, the user can overcome the effects of SA induced interference and increase the accuracy of the GPS unit. Briefly, here is a description of what happens when a GPS user induces DGPS. One GPS receiver is placed at a known location. The position information from this exact known location is used to calculate corrections which are applied to the position data transmitted by the satellites. This corrected information is then sent to other GPS units operating in the area. The resulting accuracy is then improved, through calculations to 10 to 15 meters, or about 40 feet.

Most GPS units on the market today sell for somewhere between \$400 and \$1600,

depending on the features, size, and mapping overlays available. These GPS systems are normally portable, and give the user positioning information, velocity, and navigation information. My GPS unit does not have a map overlay, however, it does provide me with position information and track and cross track information when navigating between two known points. Like most GPS units, my handheld has a bank of preprogrammed positions, mostly airports and navigation aids. There are also memory locations provided for me to enter a present location, destination location, and several waypoints along the way.

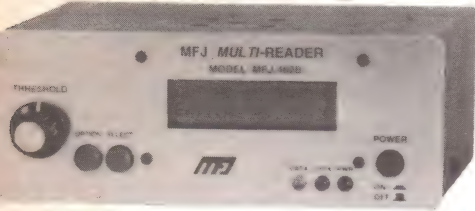
The use of GPS units is, of course, being utilized in commercial, private, and military aircraft and marine vessels. Others are joining the ranks of GPS users rapidly. Hams are using GPS units to display position information during mobile packet operations. Bus and cab companies are using interfaces with mobile radio to show bus and cab positions within a city. Avis is adding GPS mapping computers to some of their rental cars in a test program. Police are using small GPS units as tracking systems, and "tailing" a car is no longer necessary as GPS constantly sends out the criminals location. Some testing is being done at an even higher level. One example is a small transmitter which is disguised as a belt buckle, and given to an agent who is working on a drug undercover case. Eventually, GPS "bugs" will allow the tracking of just about anything, anywhere, as the technology gets better and sizes are reduced.

The opportunity to use GPS in military operations, civilian logistics support, law enforcement tracking, and in industry is endless. This is one of the most rapidly expanding fields of electronics today. Units are offering more and more features, and technology is offering improved mapping and smaller units. Car manufacturers will soon be offering a GPS mapping display on new cars. You can just follow the cursor to your desired location, as the map will move as your car reads the GPS signals and displays your location and that of your programmed destination.

To show you just how extensive this program is, the National Park Service is testing GPS units in the California desert to track and map the movement of tortoises. Airborne testing packs are being sent into the higher altitudes to allow for high altitude tracking of weather balloons. Ocean

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3310	Channel Africa, S. Africa	0357		6140	R. Nationale du Burundi	0300	FF
3325	R. Maya, Guatemala	1100	SS	6150	Caracol Colombia	0330	SS
3360	La Voz de Nahuala, Guatemala	0300	SS	6155	R. Austria Int'l	0700	
3366	GBC, Ghana	0600		6165	R. Netherlands, Bonaire relay	0100	
3375	R. Clube Dourados, Brazil	0100	PP	6165	Swiss Radio Int'l	0530	
3380	R. Chortis, Guatemala	0130	SS	6180	R. Nacional Amazonas, Brazil	0900	PP
3396	ZBC, Zimbabwe	0256	s/on	6200	R. Metropolis, Czech Rep.	2300	
3925	R. Tampa, Japan	1200	JJ	6250	R. Nacional Malabo, Eq. Guinea	0500	SS
4505	R. Horizonte, Peru	1030	SS	6260	V of Greece	0130	GG/EE
4633	R. Soledad, Peru	0330	SS	6570	Defense Forces Bcsting Svc, Myanmar	1130	Burmese
4753	RRI Ujung Pandang, Indonesia	1200	II	6627	LV de San Antonio, Peru	0300	SS
4760	ELWA, Liberia	0600		6870	R. Mogadishu, Somalia	0330	
4765	R. Rural, Brazil	0230	PP	7020	V of Broad Masses of Eritrea	0330	vern
4770	Centinela del Sur, Ecuador	0200	SS	7100	VOIRI, Iran	0030	
4775	R. Tarma, Peru	0100	SS	7125	RTV Guineenne, Guinea	0530	FF
4779v	R. Cultural Coatan, Guatemala	0030	vern	7150	Trans World R., Swaziland	0400	vern
4779v	R. Coatan, Guatemala	0030	SS	7150	R. Vilnius, Lithuania	0000	LL/EE
4785	R. Super de Ibaque, Colombia	0200	SS	7170	ORTS, Senegal	0700	FF
4810	R. 2000, S. Africa	0230	EE/Afk	7185	Channel Africa, S. Africa	0430	FF
4815	RTV Burkina, Burkina Faso	0700	FF	7210	Qatar Broadcasting Service	0245	AA
4820	R. Ukraine	0130	Ukrain	7305	Vatican Radio	0250	
4830	R. Tachira, Venezuela	0200	SS	7345	R. Prague, Czech Rep.	0700	
4840	R. Valera, Venezuela	0300	SS	7400	V of Vietnam, via Russia	0600	SS
4845	ORTM, Mauritania	0630	FF	7405	R. Ukraine	0000	
4865	La Voz del Cinaruco, Colombia	0600	SS	7475	RTT, Tunisia	0400	AA
4870	ORTB, Benin	0530	FF	8300	New Star Broadcasting Strn (cland)	1600	CC, irr.
4885	R. Clube do Para, Brazil	0000	PP	8473	Defense Forces Radio, Australia	1500	
4885	Ondas del Meta, Colombia	1000	SS	9200	R. Omdurman, Sudan	1800	
4890	NBC, Papua New Guinea	1100	EE	9420	Voice of Greece	0130	GG/EE
4915	GBC-Radio One, Ghana	0400		9435	Kol Israel	0500	
4920	R. Quito, Ecuador	0200	SS	9445	Voice of Turkey	2330	TT
4955	R. Nacional, Colombia	0300	SS	9475	R. Cairo, Egypt	0200	
4965	R. Alvorada, Brazil	0900	PP	9480	R Voice of the Martyrs, Germany	1800	via Armenia
4980	Ecos del Torbes, Venezuela	0300	SS	9525	R. Marti, USA	0000	SS
4985	R. Brazil Central	0130	PP	9530	R. Singapore Int'l	1300	
5020	LV du Sahel, Niger	0500	FF	9535	R. Japan	1400	
5030	AWR, Costa Rica	0330	SS	9535	Swiss R. Int'l	1000	
5035	R. Centafricaine, Cent. Af. Rep.	0430	FF	9540	R. Espana Exterior, Spain	0100	
5047	RTV Togolaise, Togo	0500	FF	9560	R. Jordan	1600	
5055	TIFC, Costa Rica	0400		9570	R. Portugal	0230	
5055	RFO, French Guiana	0400	FF	9570	R. Romania Int'l	0230	
5075	Caracol Colombia	0300	SS	9575	Radio Medi Un, Morocco	0030	FF
5454	R. Alianza, Ecuador	1045v	ss	9580	R. Tirana, Albania	0230	
5910	R. Denmark, via Norway	0230	DD	9580	Africa No. One, Gabon	2200	FF
5940	V of Vietnam, via Russia	0400		9585	Channel Africa	0254	s/on
5960	R. Japan via Canada	0100		9600	HCJB, Ecuador	0730	
5975	BBC via Antigua	0100		9605	UAE Radio, Abu Dhabi	2300	
6000	R. Havana Cuba	0130		9605	Vatican Radio	0330	SS
6005	R. Reloj, Costa Rica	0200	SS	9610	BBC relay, S. Africa	0230	
6015	R. Austria Int'l, via Canada	0530		9620	R. Dniester Int'l, Moldova	2130	
6020	R. Netherlands	0100	DD	9645	R. Bandeirantes, Brazil	0500	PP

Freq.	Country/Station	UTC	Notes	Freq.	Country/Station	UTC	Notes
9650	R. Korea, S. Korea, via Canada	1130		13590	R. Pakistan	1600	
9655	R. New Zealand Int'l	1300		13605	R. Australia	1100	
9670	Deutsche Welle via Portugal	0100		13635	Swiss R. Int'l, via Fr. Guiana	0030	
9690	R. Nacional, Argentina	2300		13670	R. Vlanderen Int'l, Belgium	1400	
9690	China Radio Int'l, via Spain	0300		13675	UAE Radio, Dubai	1630	
9700	R. Bulgaria	0000		13680v	R. Iraq Int'l	1200	AA,irr
9700	R. New Zealand Int'l	0800		13730v	R. Korea Int'l	1400	
9705	R. Portugal	0230		13750	AWR, Costa Rica	1200	s/on
9710	China Radio Int'l	0000		13770	Monitor Radio	2000	
9725	RAI, Italy	0100		13785	R. Tashkent, Uzbekistan	1200	
9735	R. Nacional, Paraguay	0100	SS	13830	Croatian Radio	1600	Croat
9745	HCJB, Ecuador	0730		13860	INBS, Iceland	2300	Icelandic
9755	Radio Canada Int'l	0000		15009	V of Vietnam	1330	
9765	Voice of the Mediterranean, Malta	0600		15050	RFPI, Costa Rica	1600	
9770	V of UAE, Abu Dhabi	2300		15084	VOIRI, Iran	2200	Farsi
9780	Yemini Republic Radio	0300		15095	R. Damascus, Syria	2030	
9810	FEBA, Seychelles	1530		15105	R. Moscow, Russia	1500	
9815	Radio Havana Cuba	0200	USB	15140	R. Veritas, Philippines	1530	
9825	R. Kiribati	0600		15168	R. Tahiti	0300	FF/TT
9830	KHBN, Oalau	1200		15175	BSKSA, Saudi Arabia	1200	AA
9840	V of Vietnam	1330		15180	R. Ukraine	0130	
9860	Swiss R. Int'l, via Fr. Guiana	0400		15220	Golos Rossii	1200	RR
9860	R. Sweden	1100	Swed	15235	V of Great Homeland, Libya	2000	AA
9870	R. Austria Int'l	0130		15240	Channel Africa, S. Africa	1600	
9900	R. Cairo, Egypt	2230		15240	R. Sweden	1330	
9960	Wings of Hope, Lebanon	1530		15270	Deutsche Welle via Rwanda	2055	s/on
9977	R. Pyongyang, N. Korea	1100		15270	HCJB, Ecuador	1930	
10058	V of Vietnam	0000	VV	15315	R. Moldova Int'l	1430	
11550	Family Radio, via Taiwan	1300		15325	R. Canada Int'l	2100	
11560	R. Cairo, Egypt	1400	AA	15345	RTV Morocaine, Morocco	1800	AA
11580	Trans World Radio, Guam	1500		15345	RAE, Argentina	0200	SS
11610	Ntl R of Saharan Arab Dem. Rep (clan)	2230	AA	15395	UAE Radio, Dubai	1330	
11620	All India Radio	1100		15400	R. Finland Int'l	1330	
11630	Croatian Radio	1600	Croat	15430	Radio Japan	2300	
11650	R. Sweden	1330		15435	V of the Great Homeland, Libya	1645	s/on
11650	KFBS, Saipan, No. Marianas	1300	RR	15445	Radiobras, Brazil	1200	
11670	R. France Int'l, via Fr. Guiana	0130	SS	15475	R. Atlantika, Russia	1300	RR, Tu-Fr
11690	FEBC, Philippines	1200	VV	15475	Africa Number One, Gabon	2100	FF
11705	R. Nova Visao, Brazil	0000	PP	15490	HCJB, Ecuador	1700	
11710	RAE, Argentina	0200		15530	R. Australia	2200	II
11715	China R. Int'l, via Mali	0300		15555	R. Pakistan	1600	
11715	R. Korea, S. Korea, via Canada	1030		15565	R. Australia	1200	
11720	R. Bulgaria	2100		15570	All India Radio	1200	
11740	All India Radio	1530	s/on	15575	R. Korea, S. Korea	0030	
11750	Qatar Broadcasting Service	1330	AA	15590	Vatican Radio	1345	
11765	RAI, Italy, via Ascension Is.	0200	II	15615	Reshet Bet, Israel	2300	HH
11775	R. Espana Exterior, Spain	1900		15650	V of Greece	1400	GG/EE
11775	Central Broadcasting System, Taiwan	2300	CC	15675	R. Pakistan	1430	Urdu
11790	VOIRI, Iran	0030		15675	R. Copan Int'l, Honduras	2300	SS
11800	R. Australia	1300		15770	All India Radio	1200	vern
11805	VOA relay, Thailand	1230		17490	HCJB, Ecuador	1000	USB
11810	R. Jordan	0530	AA	17500	RTT, Tunisia	1330	AA
11825	R. Tirana, Albania	2200		17520	V of Greece	1430	GG/EE
11830	Vatican Radio	2250		17575	Kol Israel	1100	
11830	R. Romania Int'l	0400		17605	R. Netherlands via Bonaire	1830	
11845	R. Canada Int'l	2200		17620	R. France Int'l	1600	
11850	R. Norway Int'l	1200	Sun	17630	Africa No. One, Gabon	1430	FF
11870	FEBA, Seychelles	1500		17655	R. Netherlands via Bonaire	1830	
11885	UAE Radio, Abu Dhabi	2300		17670	Swiss Radio Int'l	1500	
11890	R. Oman	1430	AA	17740	R. Finland Int'l	1430	
11905	R. Thailand	0030		17745	R. Algiers, Algeria	1930	
11920	RTV Ivoirienne, Cote d'Ivoire	2000		17745	R. Tashkent, Uzbekistan	1200	
11925	HCJB, Ecuador	0600		17755	R. Espana Exterior, Spain	1630	SS
11955	R. Nacional, Angola	2200	PP	17775	R. Romania Int'l	1300	
11960	VOA via Greece	1800	AA	17810	R. Japan	2300	
11970	R. Havana Cuba	0030	SS	17820	R. Canada Int'l	1300	
11990	R. Kuwait	1800		17870	R. Sweden	1500	
11995	FEBA, Philippines	1300		17870	RAI, Italy	1730	II
12050	R. Cairo, Egypt	2100	AA	17895	Qatar Broadcasting Service	1400	AA
12085	R. Damascus, Syria	2030		17900	R. Portugal	2000	PP
12095	BBC, England	1300		17905	RFPI, Costa Rica	1900	USB
13460	Croatian (Hrvatska) Radio	1230		21455	HCJB, Ecuador	1330	

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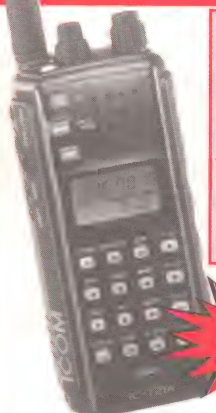
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CLANDESTINE COMMUNIQUE

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE CLANDESTINES

Activity has been noted again from The National Radio of the Saharan Democratic Republic, the station of the Polisario Front. The station is currently using 11610, with a broadcast in Arabic at 1800. Although the full schedule isn't known, the 1800 transmission should be relatively easy to pick up in much of North America. The Polisario Front wants independence for the Western Sahara (with Polisario governing, of course).

In a related development it seems that the Polisario Front's program, Voice of Free Sahara, is again being aired over Radio Algiers. It is back on at its former time of 2200 to 2300 on 9640, airing programming in Arabic and Spanish. Another Radio Algiers frequencies 15215 and 17745 have also been used for this program in the past, but neither is shown on the current schedule. That's unfortunate for us as the two higher frequencies offer more consistent reception.

The Voice of Free Tajikistan schedule includes daily broadcasts at 0300, 0600, 0900, and 1100 using frequencies 6875, 6890, and 7080, although it is possible that only the latter channel sees any activity. Each broadcast runs about 40 minutes, but the on-the-hour starting time reportedly varies by a considerable degree.

The Voice of Kashmir Freedom airs programs at 0230 to 0330 and 1430 to 1530 using 5300 upper sideband, 5750 AM mode and 6300 upper sideband. The station seeks the removal of Indian control over Kashmir and is thought to operate from inside Pakistan (this is hardly a very chancy guess!).

According to a writing found in clandestine broadcasting expert George Zeller's A*C*E column, a station known as La Voz de Guatemala Mayan is about to come on the air, based in northwest Guatemala, northeastern or north central Chiapas state, in Mexico. At the moment it isn't known if this will be on shortwave, medium wave, or both, although the impression is left that this is to be a real rubber band and paper clip affair, at least at the outset. Oddly, the operators of the station are aware of DXing and QSLs and will even try to present some DX programs. The operational hours are to be somewhere between 1200 and 1300, although perhaps not covering the complete hour. The station will speak on behalf of Frente Segundo.

A second station is also said to be in the offing—La Voz de Chiapas. In a later report George says his contact now reports that both of these stations have been active on shortwave (in the 7400 to 7500 range), operating from mobile transmitters in various parts of Mexico, Guatemala, and even Honduras. The broadcasts are supposed to be

in both Mayan and English, and are the outgrowth of a growing trend toward "pan-Mayan" unity in the region. Well, we'll see! It all sounds plausible, but wouldn't we be overwhelmed with surprise if it all turn out to be a hoax!

In a (sort of) answer to a recent question—no, we don't know of any clandestine broadcasting activity associated with the recent mini-war between Ecuador and Peru. Has anyone seen any radio-related material regarding this conflict?

The Voice of Human Rights and Freedom for Iran current schedule is from 0230 to 0425 on 9380, 1630 to 1825 on 9270 and 11470, 0600 to 0645 on 15150, and from 1545 to 1625 on 9255. Reception reports can be sent to Manouchehr Ganji, 18 bis, rue Violet, 75017 Paris, France.

The Free Voice of Ethiopian Unity via Russian radio, has been noted from 1600 sign on, on 11945 with broadcasts in Amharic, with Voice of Russia programming before and after the hour-long broadcast. The schedule is Wednesday and Sunday only, not daily.



The Polisario Front has resumed broadcasting on shortwave, over both its own facilities and with its program carried on Radio Algiers.

Colombian clandestine Radio Patria Libre continues to operate regularly. Your best shot at this one is probably at 1200 on or near 6260. The station tends to jump around from time to time, so if you don't hear it on 6260 check for a considerable distance above and below the frequency. Still no clues as to an address for this station. How many years has it been, now?

Cuba continues to jam some or all of the anti-Castro broadcasters. La Voz del CID, for one—noted on 6306 after 0600.

That'll do it for this month. Remember that your notes, loggings, comments, and other news and observations are very much welcome. Incidentally, it helps greatly if you keep your loggings entirely separate from "Listening Post" items as we approach these two columns in an entirely different and separate manner. We also need copies of any clandestine QSLs you may receive so we can let readers see what they look like. We do hope you'll check in with us now and then.

Until next month, good hunting! ■

GETTING STARTED AS A RADIO AMATEUR

AA: Amateurs Anonymous?

"Call Rick Palm at ARRL HQ. The League handles amateur rule violations. Have a nice day."—FCC Field Office

This is what hams hear when they call FCC field offices to complain about other operators' poor on-the-air behavior—some of which is illegal, some not. When they telephone League HQ as suggested by the FCC, some are irritated to learn that there's an all-volunteer program, the Amateur Auxiliary to the FCC (AA), comprised of amateurs organized on several levels who must try to resolve the problem on a friendly, no-fault basis through negotiation and peer pressure before the FCC can be brought into the picture. Callers want criminals paraded before the community and summarily executed by firing squad to warn that "we don't tolerate this sort of thing in the pristine Amateur Radio service."

So who's doing what about the problem? And what is "the problem?"

Let's go to the expert: ARRL Field Services Manager Rick Palm, K1CE, explains how the AA works, what it is, and what it isn't:

Enabled by legislation in 1982 and created by an ARRL/FCC agreement in 1984, the AA was designed to bring about better rules compliance by amateurs through voluntary means. The program was felt to be a natural extension of the long-standing tradition of self-determination in the amateur community (the popular term "self-policing" is a misnomer: Amateurs and AA members aren't policemen) and based on the Official Observer (OO) segment of the League's Field Organization. OOs had a long history of helping fellow amateurs with mostly technical problems involving signal quality.

The new program added the following dimension: Certified AA volunteers could, after exhausting all other reasonable means of resolving an on-the-air problem, participate in the evidence-gathering process that could lead to an FCC enforcement action. This would enable the FCC's Field Operations Bureau to effectively employ its shrinking resources in extreme cases worthy of prosecution.

Although the program shows measured success, it's been perceived a failure by many vocal amateurs who point to continuing problems on the bands. The AA program isn't perfect, but it's not fair to pin the blame on the shoulders of capable volunteers.

There are myths surrounding the AA

and the FCC, which have led to misperceptions among hams. Let's separate myth from reality:

Myth: *If the FCC signed an agreement with the ARRL allowing volunteer amateurs to enforce the rules, why aren't they doing it?*

Reality: The FCC never turned over any enforcement power to amateurs, nor would it be permitted to do so. The AA provides an unbiased forum for technical and operational advice to amateurs who are receptive. The task isn't to find fault, but to identify cause-and-effect, much of which isn't based on technical, but behavioral or social issues, and to find ways to solve problems on a voluntary basis. The mission isn't direct enforcement. AA volunteers are limited by statute to "the detection of improper Amateur Radio transmissions," communication of such to the FCC, and issuing Advisory Notices.

Under carefully controlled conditions, AA volunteers may gather evidence and provide it to the FCC, which can be used in an enforcement action. But enforcement is a function reserved by the FCC.

Myth: *The FCC devotes a great deal of time to monitoring the Amateur Radio bands to enforce the rules in Part 97.*

Reality: Amateur Radio is a low priority at the FCC. It's not considered a "safety of life" service (the ARRL disagrees with this assessment) and the Commission's limited resources are devoted to what it considers more important services, such as public safety and air navigation/communication. The FCC has indicated that hams are largely on their own in keeping the spectrum in shape.

Myth: *The bands are a mess and Amateur Radio is going down the tubes. Idiot operators are communicating ethnic slurs, expletives, and all sorts of inappropriate and illegal language. They must be served with Notices of Violation and fines, and have their licenses revoked.*

Reality: First, most of the celebrated problems are generally confined to a couple of specific frequencies and a small handful of poor operators. The amount of discussion about this rare and unusual behavior makes it seem like this must be an enormous problem, but it's not really as bad as it sometimes seems. To most amateurs with more than a dozen years of experience, the bands are actually "cleaner" now than they were, say, in the 1970s.

Surprise! Most inappropriate communication is just that—inappropriate, but not illegal. It can be rude, crude, and offensive, but not actionable—it's constitutionally protected, free speech. You don't have to be a lawyer to understand that the First Amendment cuts for us in the liberty to express ourselves freely as members of polite society, and against us by protecting the same rights for those who express themselves outside of cultural norms and mores. And some argue that most of the language in question has become part of the fabric of our society, anyway.

Myth: *So obscenity and indecency are legal, or at least the FCC looks the other way, and apparently, so should we.*

Reality: Obscenity and indecency are complicated issues, and the judicial system has further muddled the waters. The courts have recently called into question the FCC's authority to enforce some of its rules concerning indecent language on a 24-hour basis. The FCC is reluctant to expend its limited resources in developing further cases in such an unsettled judicial/regulatory climate.

It boils down to this: What's truly actionable and what isn't? The League, the amateur community and perhaps even the FCC, don't have the answer to this question—yet. ARRL officials have met with the FCC to pin this down, and obtained a commitment to pursue the worst cases.

The League believes it's within the capability of the AA to document cases so egregious as to be deserving of aggressive enforcement, even in this uncertain climate. This is a major objective. (For a discussion of these issues, refer to the ARRL's *FCC Rule Book*).

Myth: *There is nothing we can do personally.*

Reality: Behavior that's inappropriate, but not illegal, or isn't so serious that anyone can reasonably expect the FCC to devote resources to its correction, must be addressed by amateurs themselves. The first step is that hams must not let the bad behavior drive out the good: Everyone who cares about Amateur Radio must maintain the highest possible standards when operating, even in the face of provocation. Second, hams must let other amateurs know, as politely as possible, that they expect them to observe the same standards. Third, amateurs must be realistic: Interference is a fact of life and most interference between hams is of the "no-fault" kind that's better

resolved by being flexible than by confrontation. Finally, amateurs must place greater emphasis on recognizing good operating, of which there are countless examples to be heard every day.

Behavior that's clearly illegal and repetitive, and deserving of FCC attention, should be referred to the local Official Observer Coordinator (OOC) for action. Contact your ARRL Section Manager or HQ for the name and address of your OOC.

Myth: Being an OO is a thankless job.

Reality: OOs observe operating practices that fill them with frustration. It's unavoidable in a program like this. But OOs experience a sense of satisfaction when they're able to call an undesirable situation to the attention of someone who honestly wasn't aware of it and is genuinely appreciative of the assistance.

If the OO truly understands his role—that he's an advisor/helper, not a policeman—he'll gain rewards. ARRL President George Wilson III, W4OYI, commended AA members for their competency, effectiveness and dedication, saying, "Each of us is aware of instances where the program has directly resulted in better operating conditions for all."

Myth: The AA deals with RFI and non-amateur intruders into our bands.

Reality: The program is restricted to deal only with on-the-air amateur interference and improper operation by amateurs in the amateur bands.

Myth: AA members are involved in gray areas of the rules.

Reality: OOs are advised to avoid hair-splitting and to deal only with clearly defined, black-and-white rule violations. They are further advised to steer clear of zealotry, even paranoia, about some regulations.

The AA must avoid giving the impression that it can cure the ills of the air. It's difficult for some amateurs to understand how to deal with advocates of "free thinking" noncompliance with gentlemen's agreements, and so forth. Nonconformists enjoy bringing the general amateur population to loggerheads. They feed on the ignorance of others; baiting, then harassing anyone they can. This leads to some of the messes occasionally heard on the bands. To expect the AA to solve such general problems isn't realistic.

Myth: Malicious interference occurs when someone transmits on top of someone else.

Reality: Malicious interference—the illegal type—exists only when the following conditions are met:

1) Two stations are in communication on a frequency.

2) Another station is transmitting on the same or an adjacent frequency.

3) The two original stations, noting that they can't maintain communication through the third station's transmissions, decide to move to another frequency.

4) When they move, the third station follows and commences interfering transmissions once again.

These conditions are critical to a determination that willful or malicious interference is present. Additionally, it must exist on a regular, repeated basis: No one can reasonably expect the FCC to act on a one-time, isolated event. Otherwise, as mentioned earlier, unintentional interference is

a fact of life on the amateur bands. No one can expect interference-free operation on today's congested bands.

Myth: OOs issue citations. Recipients are obligated to respond. They are the ham radio police.

Reality: OOs issue friendly, Advisory Notices to alert amateurs to possible equipment factors or operating practices that might have contributed to an apparent departure from a rule or the good amateur-practice standard. No reply is necessary.



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1991 Summary of Official Observer Activity

Category	Reports	% of total
Portions of signal out of band	472	27
Miscellaneous	214	12
Good guy	194	11
Chirp	161	9
Improper ID	148	8
Broad signal	127	7
Causing interference	104	6
Hum	99	5
Language	95	5
Key clicks	58	3
Distorted audio	41	2
Frequency instability	32	2
Spurious	16	1
Carrier	4	0.2
Overdeviation	2	0.1
Harmonic	1	0.06
Total	1768	100%

The notice is simply for the benefit of the individual ham and for the Amateur Radio service as a whole. OOs are friendly helpers, not police officers/enforcers. The mission is to assist those who are receptive to

being assisted. Table 1 (above) is the 1991 summary report of OO activity. It gives you a picture of what an OO is all about.

Recalcitrant cases are handled at higher levels in the program, through voluntary

means: peer pressure, no-fault emphasis, negotiation and so forth. Only after all other voluntary means of resolving a problem are exhausted and it's been determined through extensive review that the case is of a most serious nature, is the FCC asked for action. In these cases, the FCC should then commit to make every reasonable effort to prosecute them diligently. The ARRL is working toward this end.

Myth: Reasonable ham radio license fees will give the FCC more money to devote to enforcement.

Reality: Money from licensing fees goes to the government's general fund and aren't earmarked for specific agency use.

To get more information about the ARRL Amateur Auxiliary to the FCC or about the League's Official Observer program, contact ARRL headquarters at 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111; phone (203) 666-1541; e-mail rpalm@arrl.org.

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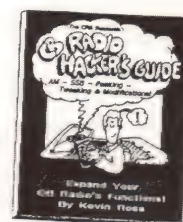


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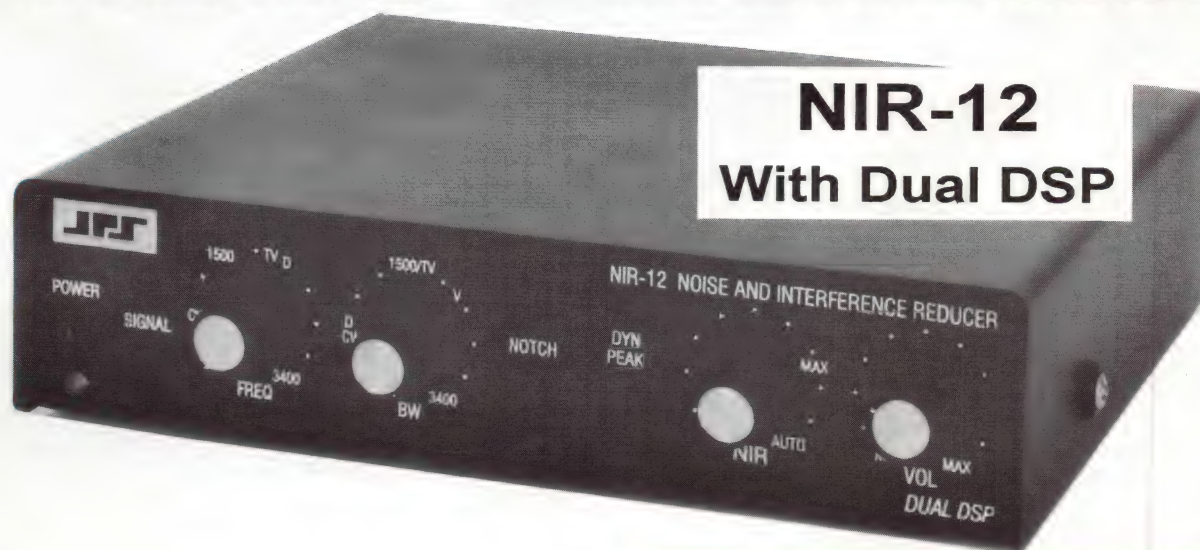
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27 MHz COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES

Would you like to nearly double the effective range of your CB and still run legal power? Then try operating single sideband!

Single sideband (SSB) is simply another mode of operating on the 40 legal CB channels. Most CBs units are set up to operate only in AM mode, and are limited to 4 watts legal power. However, CBs equipped for sideband mode can legally put out as much as 12 watts peak power when operating SSB. The result is that, under identical conditions, sidebanders running legal power can communicate almost twice as far as AM operators who are also running the legal limit.

One of the reasons that sideband is more effective is that it puts more energy into a narrower signal. Here's what I mean: think of an AM signal as an Oreo cookie—it consists of a center carrier (like the white stuff in the middle an Oreo) and two sidebands (like the chocolate cookies on either side of the white stuff). Now, the carrier exists solely to give the CB receiver at the other end of the communication something to lock onto. The carrier does *not* contain any of the transmitted audio of the operator's voice. That's why it is possible to key the microphone, not say a word, and yet "throw" a carrier.

The actual information in an AM signal (the sound of your voice, for example) is contained in the two sidebands (the upper sideband and the lower sideband), and they carry *exactly the same information*. In fact, when you press the transmit button in AM mode, 50 percent of the power goes into the carrier (which means it is essentially wasted), and the remaining 50 percent is split between the two sidebands! If you could find a way to get rid of the carrier and transmit only one sideband, you would concentrate a lot more power into a much narrower signal, and the result would be longer-range communications.



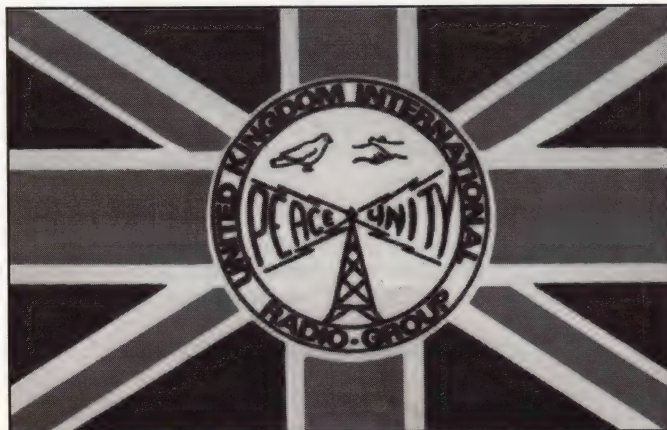
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That's *exactly* what a sideband CB rig does. Switch it to upper sideband (USB) or lower sideband (LSB) and key the mike, and nothing happens *until* you say something. That's because there's no carrier, just the signal of your voice being transmitted—with full power—on the sideband of your choice as you speak. Because there is no carrier for a receiver to lock onto, a sideband transceiver includes another control, a clarifier, which is used to adjust the receiver so that it is exactly on the same frequency as the transmitted signal. Otherwise, the voice may sound unnaturally high, like Donald Duck, or unnaturally low, a bit like the Jolly Green Giant.

It takes a little practice to get used to adjusting the clarifier, but it's well worth the effort. Not only do you get additional range, but the entire culture of sideband CB is generally more civilized than AM CB. Maybe it's because you can't "chuck" a carrier, but most sideband operators more closely re-

semble ham radio operators in their on-the-air behavior and operating habits. Sidebanders, for example, generally identify themselves using a number assigned by one sideband network or another, and they use their own first names on the air instead of handles. I make no bones about it. While there are many AM operators who I admire and respect, sideband is my favorite operating mode.

For the most part, you'll find sidebanders operating on the lower sideband of channels 35-40 and sometimes on Ch. 16. There are, however, exceptions—recently I heard of a group near Catskill, New York, operating on the upper side of Ch. 40. It's important that you get on the right sideband, because no matter how hard you try, you will *never* be able to clarify a signal if it is an upper sideband signal and you are listening on lower sideband. If you can't clarify a signal, try switching sidebands, it just might work.



Neyens Roger sent in these really neat looking stickers, from Luxembourg.

There's another good reason to operate sideband: SSB operation is far less likely to cause adjacent channel interference because the signal is narrower. Let me give you a real-life example—the other night I was participating in a network on 37 LSB when we could hear “hash” breaking in from another channel. We traced it to an AM operator running heavy power on Ch. 32—five channels away!

The next day, I checked on another sideband network that operates every morning. Some of the operators are running powerful ham rigs, yet I couldn't hear them at all just one channel away!

A New Sideband Rig from Cobra

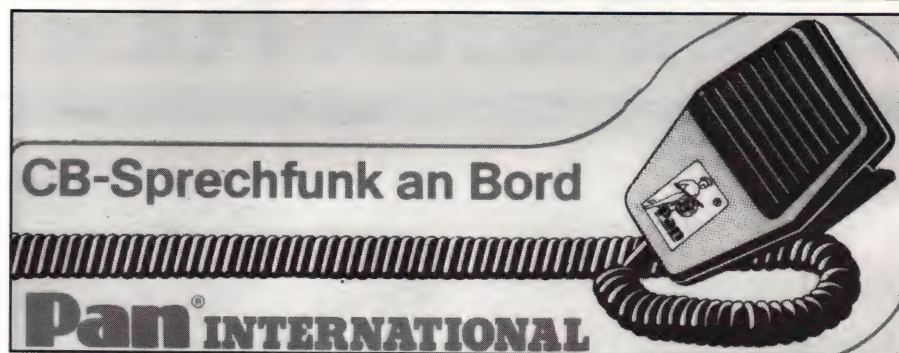
If you'd like to try operating sideband, you're going to need a sideband-equipped radio. Recently I checked out a dandy, the new Cobra 148F GTL. This is a 40-channel AM/SSB mobile that includes a five-digit frequency counter, an S/R/F/SWR meter, automatic noise limiter, and even a noise blander.

The 148F has a *true* frequency counter—the circuitry measures and displays the actual frequency being synthesized by the radio. By contrast, some of the 10-meter ham radio mobile rigs that are finding their way onto the CB channels don't have a real frequency counter. Instead, they have only a digital readout—which displays a number created by the microprocessor that controls the radio. With a digital readout, there can be a difference between the frequency that is shown and the actual frequency that the radio is really operating on. An easy way to spot the difference is to move the clarifier; if the frequency doesn't change, that's a good clue that the radio doesn't have a real frequency counter. Fortunately, you don't have to worry about that problem with the 148F—it's got the real thing.

At the heart of this new radio is the same main circuit board you'll find in Cobra's new top-of-the-line base station, the 2010, so the 148F GTL comes from an impressive technical heritage. And it shows—hooked to a 20-amp power supply and my base antenna, the 148F actually produced a somewhat louder signal than my beloved Cobra 2000 GTL base station, both in AM and SSB modes. My test partner reported “very clear” audio produced by the 148F from my base station and from my Jeep.

My sources inside Cobra tell me that the reason for the apparently louder signal is that Cobra is holding much higher tolerances for modulation and so forth during the final check-out of its transceivers in the manufacturing process. The result is the same as if you took the radio to a CB technician and had a full “legal-limit” tune-up.

I found the 148F easy to operate on the road, and, typical of Cobra transceivers, the noise limiter and noise blander do a superb job of knocking out any ignition noise. In addition, there's lots of clear audio com-



(Courtesy of Neyens Roger.)

ing out of the bottom-mounted speaker. A pushbutton tone control makes it possible to knock out some of the high frequency audio for a more mellow sound when listening at a base station, but I preferred the somewhat sharper “full-strength” audio in the noisier environment of a vehicle.

This is a sophisticated transceiver that will serve well either as a base station (when hooked to a power supply) or as a mobile unit. Cobra's press release says the average selling price of the 148F GTL is \$369.95, but it should be available for less from discounters. For the name of your local dealer or for more information, call 1-800-262-7222, and tell 'em you read about it in POP'COMM.

If you want to go sidebanding, you're also going to need an identification number. Often you can get one by checking into one of the sideband networks that operate in your local area, but if you want a number that will be recognized worldwide, contact the SSB Network, P.O. Box 908, Smithtown, NY 11787. Send the network coordinators a self-addressed, stamped legal-size envelope, and they will send you back the details on how to get a number from a network that has more than 125,000 affiliated members in the U.S., Canada, and around the world.

A Call to Action

A friend publishes a two-page newsletter for Ch. 9 monitors in upstate New York. A recent issue featured the following, which is reprinted with permission:

Citizens Arise—Reclaim the Band

Across the nation there is a growing movement for real CB operators to reclaim their fair share of operating space. Our first task is to reclaim the name. Not all that is called CB these days really is. So to help ease the confusion and set the record straight, this is who we are and here is what we do.

Citizens Band. Regular CB, Channels 1 to 40, stock radios. Short range (two to five miles dependable), two-way radio for everybody. No license required. Preferred mode of transmission is SSB on channels 16 and 36-40, AM on all others.

Free Band. Illegal, but popular hybrid of amateur and CB. Uses about 60 channels worth of frequencies both above CB channel 40 and

below CB channel 1. Range of hundreds to thousands of miles under the right conditions. Preferred mode of transmission is SSB but you will find some AM and FM. Usually high powered amateur gear or modified CBs with power amplifiers.

Bully Band. These are the overpowered, echo-chambered, roger beeping, foul mouthed, S.O.B.s you hear making life miserable for the legal operators on channels 1 to 40. They usually have the equipment to be Free Banders, but lack the courage and the perverse sense of humor needed.

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Changes to Allow Telco Entry into SMR Service

In keeping with its commitment to promote competition among providers of mobile telecommunications services, the Commission amended its rules to allow wireline telephone companies to hold licenses in the Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) service and in the subscriber-based 220-222 MHz land mobile (commercial 220 MHz) services. The Commission also eliminated the prohibition on the provision of dispatch service by common carriers.

When the Commission established the SMR service in 1974, it prohibited telephone companies from becoming licensees; this was considered necessary to promote competition in the fledgling SMR industry. The Commission adopted an analogous wireline restriction for the commercial 220 MHz when it established the service in 1991. The Commission indicated that rationale for excluding wirelines from SMR licensing also applied to the commercial 220 MHz service.

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Budget Act) prescribed comprehensive regulatory changes for the mobile services marketplace. The legislative history of the Budget Act identified the ban against wirelines holding SMR licenses as a regulation that should be viewed by the Commission. Congress also granted the Commission authority to repeal the common carrier dispatch ban, which has been in effect since 1982. In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, released August 11, 1994, the Commission proposed to eliminate these restrictions.

The Commission stated that eliminating the wireline prohibition will infuse new capital and expertise into the mobile services marketplace, and will yield a broader range of services at a lower cost to consumers. Repealing the wireline prohibition will also stimulate competition and promote opportunities for additional entry of small entrepreneurs, such as rural telephone companies, into the SMR and commercial 220 MHz services. The Commission also notes that statutory and regulatory safeguards are available to prevent wireline carriers from engaging in discriminatory interconnection policies that would adversely affect non-affiliated SMRs and 220 MHz licensees.

The Commission said eliminating the dispatch prohibition will enhance competition by permitting all CMRS providers to offer dispatch services. The introduction of new competitors may lower costs to subscribers and provide more choices. It is consistent with the Commission's efforts to achieve regulatory symmetry among com-

parable services. The Commission permitted CMRS licensees to provide dispatch upon the effective date of the rule changes.

N.Y. Metro Area Agencies to Use 482-488 MHz

The Commission waived Parts 2 and 90 of its Rules to permit the assignment of frequencies in the 482-488 MHz band (television channel 16) for the public safety radio services in New York City Metropolitan area. This Waiver was granted for a period of at least five years or until the Commission assigns Channel 16 in New York City for advanced television service (ATV) and a broadcast licensee is authorized and ready to commence ATV operations.

TV Channel 16 is currently allocated to the broadcasting service, but there is no Channel 16 allotment in New York City. The FCC believes that circumstances warrant a waiver of the Commission's Rules to permit public safety use of Channel 16. Use of this channel for public safety operations will provide needed spectrum relief to help alleviate congestion of public safety radio frequencies in the New York City area and to help meet the needs of the public safety community for interoperability of communications for responding to emergency situations.

Low Power Television Licensees Eligibility for Four-Letter Call Signs

Pursuant to the First Report and Order in MM Docket No. 93-114, 9 FCC Rcd 2555 (1994), low power television stations (LPTV) are eligible to apply for four-letter call signs, thereby modifying their initially assigned five-character alpha-numeric call signs. In that Order, the Commission stated that such modifications may be competitively beneficial to the low power television industry by promoting viewer recognition of LPTV stations and by enabling LPTV operators to more effectively market their stations.

In the Order, the Commission stated that a phased implementation of the new call sign policy would be necessary to expeditiously handle the potentially large number of requests for modified call signs, and that a schedule would be established by public notice whereby licensees and permittees could apply at the appropriate time, with the oldest stations having the first opportunity.

Accordingly, the eligibility schedule will be extended such that a modified call sign in the form of a four-letter call sign may be requested for any low power television sta-

tion, which has been granted a license by the Commission in 1989 or earlier, irrespective of the station licensee at that time. No other low power television station licensees are eligible to apply at this time, and no call signs may be reserved. Subsequent public notices are now issued setting dates for later-authorized stations. Thereafter, the Commission will announce when call sign requests from low power television station permittees can be filed. Television translator stations are not eligible for four-letter call signs.

Call sign requests will be processed in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 73.3550 of the Commission's Rules. Requests for four-letter call signs must be made by letter to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington D.C., 20554. An original and one copy of the letter must be submitted. A filing fee is presently not required for LPTV call sign modifications. As many as five call sign choices, listed in descending order of preference, may be included in a single request. Requesters must also submit the drug certification statement required by Section 1.2002 of the Commission's Rules. Incomplete or otherwise defective filing will be returned by the FCC.

Call signs are assigned on a "first-come-first-served" basis. Receipt by the FCC of a request for an available call sign blocks the acceptance of subsequent requests until the first received request is processed to completion. In the case of requests by low power television operators for the same call sign being received on the same date, the assignment will be made to the station having the longest continuous record of broadcast operation under substantially unchanged ownership and control. If a low power television operator and an AM, FM, or full power TV operator apply on the same date at the FCC, the AM, FM, or full power TV operator will prevail. It should be noted that a low power television station operator may not request call sign used by another broadcast station unless the stations are commonly owned or unless the LPTV operator has the other station's written consent. Two or more LPTV stations may not have the same call sign. All four-letter call signs assigned to low power television station will include a suffix of "-LP."

Requests about the availability of particular call signs may be made to the FCC Reference Center, phone (202) 418-0270.

Amateur Station Vanity Call Sign System

On December 23, 1994, the Federal Communications Commission adopted

rules to implement a vanity call sign system in the amateur radio service. The vanity call sign system is being implemented by means of four starting gates. A public notice will announce the opening of each gate, along with the date when FCC Form 610-V will become available. The starting gates are:

GATE 1. Any class operator who is applying for:

A. The call sign that was previously shown in his/her primary station license, or

B. The call sign that was previously shown in the primary station license of a deceased spouse, child, grandchild, stepchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or in-law, or

C. The call sign that was previously shown on the club station license for which the applicant is currently the license trustee.

GATE 2. Any Amateur Extra Class operator who is applying for a call sign for his/her primary station or for the club station for which he/she is currently the license trustee.

GATE 3. Any Advanced Class operator license who is applying for a call sign for his/her primary station or for the club station for which he/she is currently the license trustee.

GATE 4. Any class operator who is applying for a call sign for his/her primary station or for the club station for which he/she is currently the license trustee. Also, a class operator who is applying for a call sign that was previously shown on the primary station license of a deceased person and who is acting with the written consent of the deceased person's spouse, child, grandchild, stepchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, brother, stepsister, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or in-law, for the club station for which he/she is currently the license trustee.

You may request a vanity call sign only when you hold an unexpired amateur operator/primary license document, and where applicable, a club station license document (FCC Form 660). Military recreation and RACES stations are not eligible for vanity call signs. If you have recently filed an FCC Form 610 or 610-B for any purpose, you are not eligible for a vanity call sign until you receive your license document.

Except for GATE 1 and the written consent portion of GATE 4, you may list on Form 610-V one to 25 specific call signs in order of your preference. Each call sign must be from the group designated under the sequential call sign system for your, or a lower, operator license class. The geographic region designator used in the sequential call sign system is an option left to the applicant. A summary of the sequential call sign groups follows. If you hold an Amateur Extra Class operator license document, for example, you can choose from Groups A, B, C, or D.

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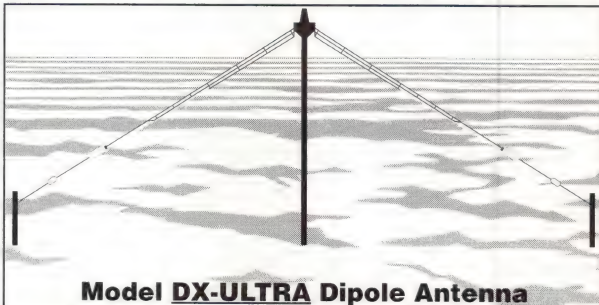
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The Commission granted the following experimental applications:

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KE2XNL, Orbital Sciences Corp., experimental to operate on 2092.59 MHz in support of NASA SEASTAR Satellite project. **FX:** Fairmont, Marion, WV

KE2XOL, Disaster Emergency Response Association, Inc., experimental to operate on frequencies 149.220, 149.195, and 149.245 MHz for use of mobile ground radio equipment to establish communication links through the NASA Satellite ATS-3, providing commu-

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KF2XEZ, Spectralink Corp., experimental to evaluate, in practical terms, the effect of reducing the number of hopping frequencies from 50-25 and the maximum authorized peak power to 500 mWatt, on interference with wideband multilateration systems. **FX&MO:** CONUS

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Input/Output, Inc., experimental to operate on 216.01 and 219.99 MHz to develop a radio telemetry seismic data acquisition system. **MO:** CONUS

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Radio Broadcast License Renewal Booklet: New FCC Form to Be Used By All Radio & TV Applicants

As a result of the Commission proceeding in MM Docket No. 92-168 (Renewal Reporting Requirements for Full Power,

Commercial AM, FM, and TV Broadcast Stations), the FCC Form 305-S (Application for Renewal of License for Commercial and Noncommercial Education AM, FM, and TV Broadcast Stations) has been revised; FCC Form 348 (Application for Renewal of a Low Power TV, TV Translator Station License) has been eliminated.

The new FCC Form 303-S (application for Renewal of License for AM, FM, TV, Translator or LPTV Station) will be used to apply for renewal of license for a commercial or noncommercial AM, FM, TV, Translator, or LPTV broadcast station. It can also be used in seeking the joint renewal of licenses for an FM, or TV translator station and its co-owned primary FM, TV, or LPTV station. All changes were recently approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

The revised FCC Form 303-S has been printed and is now available for use. As of April 3, 1995, only the new FCC Form 303-S may be filed to renew any broadcast station (AM, FM, TV, Translator or LPTV). The old Form 303-S and Form 348 may not be used to renew the license for these stations after March 31, 1995.

The new FCC Form 303-S may be obtained either by writing to the Commission's Form Distribution Center, 2803 52nd Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20781, or by calling 1-800-418-3676 and leaving a request on the answering machine provided for this purpose. A limited number of copies are also available in the Commission's Forms Self-Service Center, 1919 M St., N.W., Room L-17, Washington DC.

In order to assist licensees in filing for renewal and to simplify the renewal process for licensees to the extent possible, the Commission has produced a booklet that will be mailed to licensees approximately seven months prior to the expiration date of their station's license. This booklet contains all information and forms that are needed for license renewal: FCC 303-S; other renewal related forms (FCC Form 396—Broadcast EEO Program Report, FCC Forms 323/323-E—Ownership Reports, FCC Form 5072—Mailing Address Change and FCC Form 159—Fee Remittance Advice); instructional material (overview of renewal process and question by question instructions for FCC Form 303-S); and appendices (filing and expiration date charts, local public notice worksheets and environmental/RF compliance worksheets).

The renewal booklet has been printed and is now available. As with the new 303-S, the renewal booklet may be obtained by either writing to the Commission's Form Distribution Center at the address above or by calling 1-800-418-3676 and leaving a message. When requesting the renewal booklet using these options, please refer to the "license renewal booklet." A limited number of copies of the booklet are also available in the Commission's Forms Self-Service Center, 1919 M Street, N.W.,

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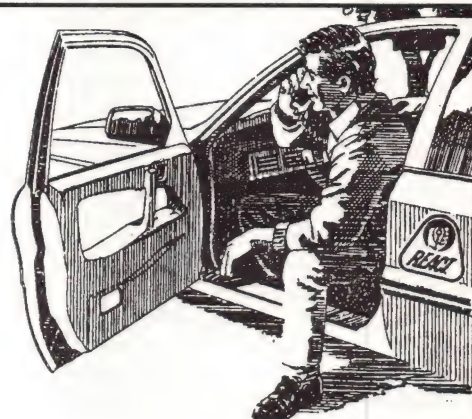
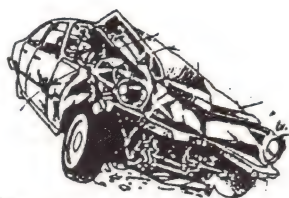
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Coaxial Cable: More Than Just a Wire

Transmission lines are conduits for transporting RF signals between elements of a system. For most readers of this column, the "system" is your antenna and receiver, so the transmission line is what transports the signal from the antenna to the receiver's antenna input terminals.

Although often erroneously characterized as a "length of shielded wire," transmission lines are actually complex networks containing the equivalent of all the three basic electrical components: resistance (R), capacitance (C), and inductance (L). Because of this fact, engineers mathematically analyze transmission lines in terms of a complex RLC network. Fortunately, for our purposes a more descriptive approach is more than sufficient.

For most readers, the transmission line of choice is *coaxial cable*. Although there are a number of different types of coax, all forms consist of two cylindrical conductors sharing the same axis (hence "co-axial") and separated by a *dielectric* insulating material (see Fig. 1). For low frequencies (in flexible cables) the dielectric may be polyethylene or polyethylene foam, but at higher frequencies Teflon and other materials are often used. In some applications, dry air and dry nitrogen gas dielectrics are used (but unless you are a broadcast station engineer, you don't care much).

Several forms of coaxial line are available. Flexible coaxial cable is by far the most common form. The outer conductor (or "shield") in such cable is made of either copper braid or aluminum foil. The braid may appear silver, rather than copper, but except for a couple odd-ball types (and at least one too-cheapie import), the "silver" colored braids are actually *tinned* copper... which makes them corrode less and solder better.

Unusual Coaxial Cables

In general, coax with an aluminum foil outer shield is for television master antenna systems. Because the foil can't easily be soldered, it should not be used by most shortwave listeners, and only occasionally by VHF/UHF scanner users. The reason why some scanner people might use the line is that it tends to be optimized for low loss in the VHF/UHF regions.

Another form of flexible or semi-flexible coaxial line is *helical line*, in which the outer conductor is spiral wound. This type of line is often used in broadcast applications, and in VHF/UHF transmitters for communications. *Hardline* is coaxial cable that uses a thinwall pipe as the outer conduc-

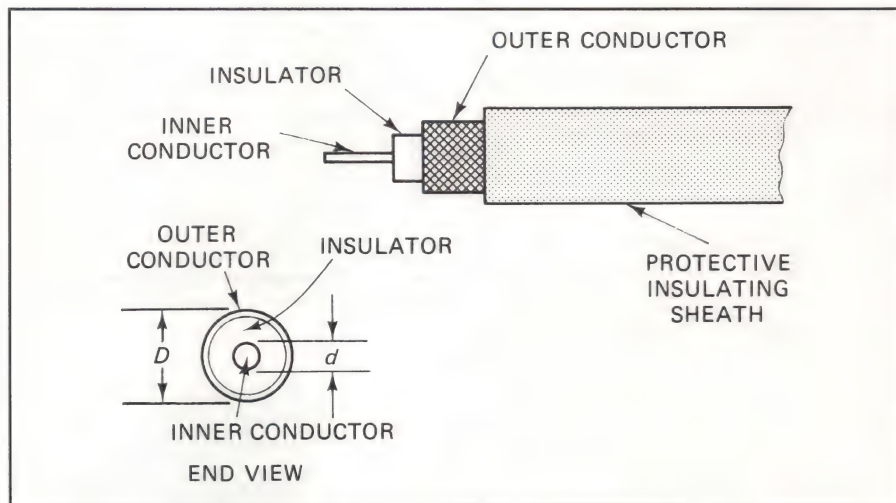


Fig. 1. Standard coaxial cable.

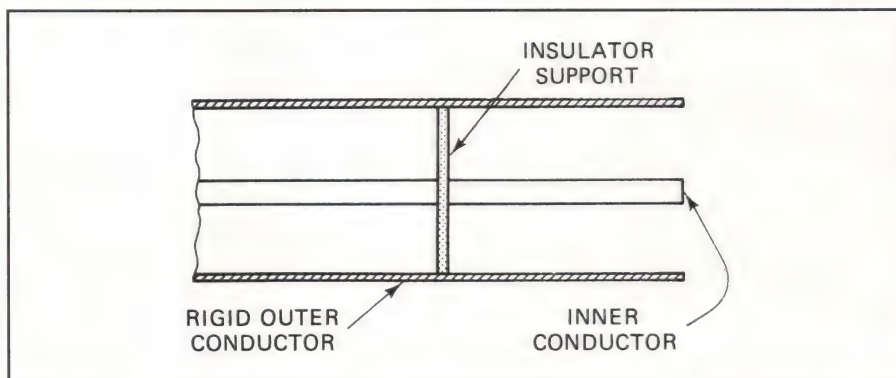


Fig. 2. Rigid gas-filled broadcast coaxial cable.

tor. Some hardline coax used at microwave frequencies uses a rigid outer conductor like small diameter copper plumbing pipe, and a solid dielectric. *Gas-filled coax line* is a special case of hardline which is hollow (Fig. 2), the center conductor being supported by a series of thin ceramic or Teflon insulators. The dielectric is either anhydrous (i.e. dry) nitrogen or some other inert gas. This type of line is normally restricted to broadcast stations, or other cases where high power transmitters are used.

Some flexible UHF/microwave coaxial cable uses a solid "air-articulated" dielectric (Fig. 3), in which the inner insulator is not continuous around the center conductor, but rather is ridged. Reduced dielectric losses increases the usefulness of the cable at higher frequencies. This cable is low loss at UHF and above, but also tends to be expensive and hard to obtain, so is less useful for hobbyist and amateur purposes.

Double shielded coaxial cable (Fig. 4) provides an extra measure of protection against transmitter radiation from the line, and electromagnetic interference (EMI) from outside sources from getting into the system. But again, the nature of the cable, the practical difficulty in working with the stuff, and its less-than-easy availability make it harder to deal with than regular coax (Fig. 1), so it is only rarely used.

Why Use Coax?

There are some compelling reasons to use coaxial cable. First, the antenna type might require it. Almost any practical type of resonant antenna will want to see coax as the transmission line. Second, coaxial cable makes it possible to use such accessories as *balun* transformers that enhance system performance. Third, the shielded nature of the coaxial cable makes the an-

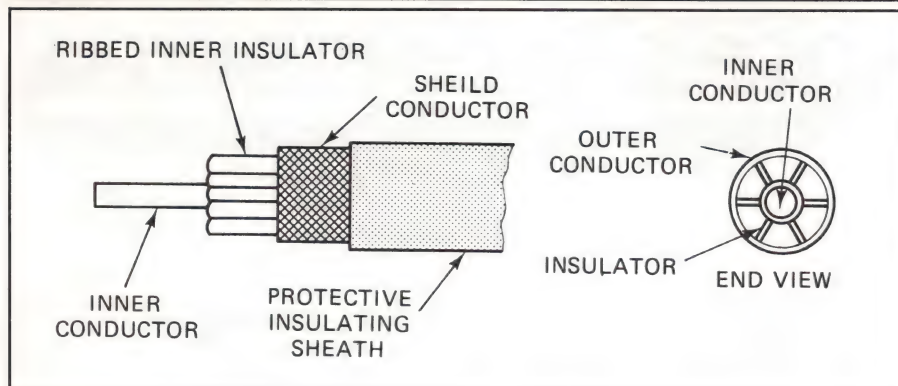


Fig. 3. Articulated dielectric microwave coax.

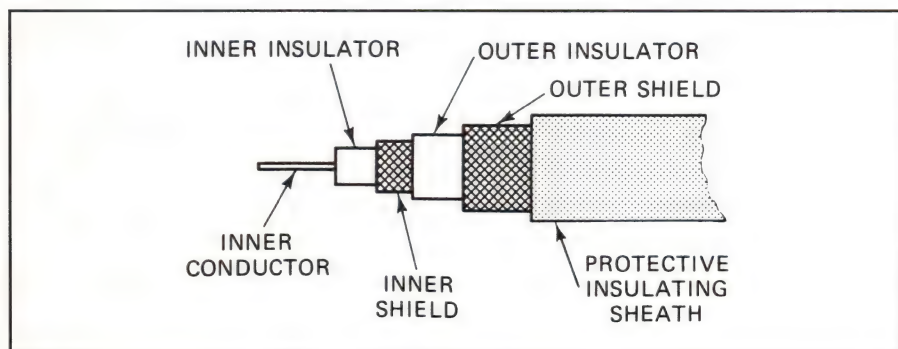


Fig. 4. Double-shielded coax.

Coaxial Cable Velocity Factors

TYPE OF DIELECTRIC	Z ₀ (ohms)	VEL.FACTOR (V)
Polyethylene Coaxial Cable	*	0.66
Polyethylene Foam Coaxial Cable	*	0.80
Air-Space Polyethylene Foam Coaxial Cable	*	0.86
Teflon	*	0.70

* Various impedances depending upon cable type.

Table 1.

tenna/receiver system less vulnerable to local EMI problems, including interference from local (but undesired) radio stations.

Coaxial Cable Attributes

There are two basic attributes of coaxial cable that are of importance to you. The first is the *characteristic impedance* (Z_0), also called *surge impedance*; the second is the *velocity factor* (V).

The characteristic impedance of the transmission line is defined technically in terms of the unit length capacitance and inductance, but for our purposes we can

note that it is impedance that will result in maximum signal power transfer. If the rated impedance of the line is 75 ohms, then connecting one end to a 75 ohm antenna input on the receiver, and the other end to a resonant antenna that has a 75 ohm feedpoint impedance, results in maximum signal power transfer from the antenna to the receiver.

Using a cable with a characteristic impedance different from either the receiver input impedance or the antenna feedpoint impedance, results in losses due to voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR). In a perfect system, the VSWR problem is avoided by

using a matched impedance system wide. But as a practical matter it is often impossible to achieve a perfect 1:1 VSWR except possibly at a single frequency.

For HF shortwave antennas, the mismatch caused by using a 75 ohm cable on a 50 ohm antenna (or vice versa) is basically not worth worrying about (1.44:1 VSWR). At VHF/UHF, when weak distant stations are sought, the loss might become a little more noticeable, but for most people it is hardly worth climbing up on the roof to fix. The one exception is where the antenna has some form of matching element (or circuit) built-in. For those antennas, the effects of mismatching the line might be worse than in the simple case most of us face.

One can tell the characteristic impedance from the type number of the cable. Anything marked "RG-58" or "RG-8" (or any of their many variants) are 52 ohm cables. The RG-58 is the small type, while the RG-8 is the larger cable. Similarly, "RG-59" cables are thin 75 ohm types, while "RG-11" are thicker 75 ohm types. There is little advantage to receiver operators for the thicker types (but hams with their transmitters need them), so use the RG-58 and RG-59 variants for convenience. The only exception is that some RG-8 and RG-11 types have lower losses at VHF/UHF. For long runs to antennas of those frequencies, the thicker cables might be the answer.

The velocity factor (V) of the cable is due to the fact that signals don't propagate at the speed of light (as they do in space), but rather at some fraction of the speed of light. If "c" is the speed of light (about 300,000,000 meters/sec), and "v" is the speed of the signal in the coaxial cable, then velocity factor V is v/c . Typical values for coaxial cable are in the 0.66 to 0.80 region (see Table 1).

The importance of the velocity factor is that it makes the electrical length of coaxial cable different from the physical length. If you build a coaxial cable *balun*, or a quarter wavelength impedance matching section, a half wavelength shorted stub for EMI elimination, or anything else where the electrical length of the line is critical, then velocity factor is very important to you.

For example, let's assume that you are building a 62 MHz collinear dipole, i.e., one in which half wavelength antenna sections are separated by quarter wavelength phase reversal sections, and want to cut cable for the phase reversal elements. The formula for $L_{\text{inches}} = 2952 / F_{\text{MHz}}$, so for 62 MHz, the *physical length* is $2952 / 62 = 47.6$ inches. That's the appropriate length for quarter wavelength antenna elements, but not for quarter wavelength coaxial sections. For that case, the formula is $L_{\text{inches}} = (2952 V) / F_{\text{MHz}}$, so if the selected cable has a velocity factor of 0.66, the correct coax length is $[(2952)(0.66)] / 62 = 31.4$ inches. Quite a difference! ■

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Queries have been received concerning SCORPION callsigns. Such callsigns were previously noted in communications during the Gulf War; a few were SCORPION TOWER, SCORPION RADIO, SCORPION GCA, and SCORPION 69. This latter callsign was assigned to the UH-1 (Bell helicopter) used to calibrate the GCA radar. It is not yet known if the present meaning is the same as that used in the past.

Rick Baker, OH, provides some U.S. Navy news. "The Los Angeles-class Nuclear Attack Submarine USS Omaha (SSN-692) was inactivated December 16, 1994."

Another item indicated that two Nimitz-class aircraft carriers currently authorized for construction are to be named the USS Harry Truman (CVN-75) and the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76). These carriers will be nuclear-powered.

On January 1, 1995, KFS World Communications, Half Moon Bay, CA, changed its name to Globe Wireless, the name of the KFS predecessor.

"The name Globe Wireless was used earlier in this century by a network of coastal radio stations owned by the Dollar Steamship Line. Several Globe Wireless stations, including the headquarters station in San Francisco, were subsequently purchased by IT&T, former owners of KFS Marine Radio.

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The 89th AW has a fleet of 21 UH-1N Bell helicopters, some Learjets, C-20B/C/F/H Gulf streams made by Grumman, Beech C-12A/F, and three Douglas C-9C's. For long-distance travel there are Boeing 707 variants (C-135B/C and C-137B/C), plus the two Boeing VC-25A Presidential transportation aircraft.

An article in the Martinsburg, West Virginia *Journal*, explained that the pilots of the 89th AW frequently engage in training missions at the Eastern Regional Airport located near Martinsburg or at one of the

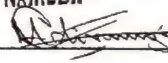
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many other airports found in the Northeastern part of the U.S.

One exercise involves the aircraft making an approach to the airfield, touching down for a moment, and immediately taking off. Various problem simulations are part of the training so as to prepare pilots for any emergencies they might encounter on actual official flight assignments. A huge thanks to those readers who furnished details regarding Southbound II, and the weather reports given by Herb Hilgenberg.

Robert Pettengill, OK, forwarded an article from the October 1994 issue of *Cruising World*, which indicated Herb had discontinued his marine SSB weather advice in June 1994.

Due to cutbacks at his place of employment, Herb had to leave Bermuda—his sta-

tion was located near St. George's Harbor.

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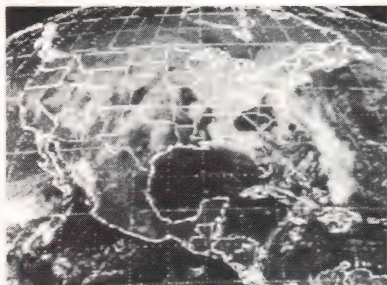
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These two lists (above, and the following page) of Bulgarian Diplomatic details were prepared by Leif Dehio, Germany, and forwarded via Ary Boender, Netherlands.

methodically addressed conditions affecting each vessel, offering advice for safe passage making, consolation when needed, and many favors that won't be forgotten."

Zel Eaton, MO, reported hearing Herb on 12359 kHz giving weather reports during February 1995.

JFF, IL, added some information, saying he also monitored Herb in November and December 1994 on 12359 kHz. JFF assumes Herb is in Canada, possibly the seaboard area, because it seems Herb was discussing snow and other local weather when talking with various Caribbean located vessels. His local weather matched the weather in eastern Canada.

Anthony J. Franz, FL, says his equipment includes a Realistic DX-390, and a 24-foot dipole that he constructed in his living room. In addition, he also uses PC Facsimile 6.0 and AEA FAXII for decoding CW, RTTY, and FAX.

We heard from W. Charles Alexander, OH, who said, "I am enclosing some of my UTE logs, mostly GHFS and USSTRAT-COM. I enjoy reading the column each month. I am 41 years old, and have been interested in shortwave radio for longer than I care to remember (my interest began between eight and ten years old)!"

Perry Crabill, Jr., VA, had a total of 1100 beacons logged as of the end of this past February. He stated, "Several morn-

ings I also heard European and African LW broadcast stations; the French station on 216 kHz shows up most often, with Luxembourg on 234 kHz, and Algeria on 198 kHz in there from time to time. I don't bother logging these because I consider them as interference."

Slawomir Stys, Japan, writes, "I am a fan of SW receiving. This past January I purchased POP'COMM where I found out that many people, like me, are monitoring the SW bands. Currently I am using the SONY ICF SW 55 receiver with a SONY wide-band antenna AN-1. In the near future, I plan to buy the AOR 3000A and a discone antenna to monitor 100 kHz-2036 MHz range."

Donald Tomkinson, CA, informed us, "I am using an Icom R71A with loop antennas made with coaxial cable and oriented N/S and E/W. These single turn loops also work well on most HF frequencies. I also use a 45-foot random wire; all of these antennas are located indoors as I live in an apartment. I have other SW radios and antennas, but the R71A and the loops work the best for beacons."

"The noise level here at my location in California has really been high. On some frequencies the blanking level has to be set at almost max. Normally it is set at about 1 o'clock. I modified the R71A with a product from Willco Electronics called the ICM-

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			13,04	F1B-270.44 ASCII
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12124,00	MFA Sofia	DOR	10,26	F1B-75
12134,00	MFA Sofia	DOR	10,31	F1B-75
12138,00	MFA Sofia	DOR	11,39	F1B-75
12153,00	MFA Sofia	DOR	13,03	F1B-75/100/150
12161,00	MFA Sofia	DOR 2	11,10	F1B-300 ASCII
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14392,00	MFA Sofia	DOR	14,24	F1B-120
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1024. The receiver now has 32 banks of 32 channels, plus two VFO's for each bank, resulting in 1088 channels."

Here are some excerpts from a letter from Terry Weinhold, PA. "I am 39, and have been in the listening hobby about 20 years, a General-class ham 11 years, and I did some time as a Navy MARS operator.

"I was a SW broadcast listener for about eight years, joining NASWA back in 1976-77, but after I got my Ham ticket in 1984, I devoted most of my time to Hamming rather than SWLing. However, I recently got hooked in Utility stations, especially maritime coastal stations. In fact, I am now spending half of my radio time monitoring coastal stations."

In addition to his Russian Diplomatics loggings, Mark Chinsky, NY, said he had found some sort of official Russian voice net on 16222 kHz in the clear USB mode.

How about some of you Russian linguists checking this out? Mark did not indicate a specific time of operation for the activity.

Two well-known SWL clubs have passed from the scene. The Society to Preserve the Engrossing Enjoyment of DXing (SPEEDX) and the Association of DX Reporters (ADXR) have both disbanded.

The demise of these clubs seems to have been brought about by a combination of recent postage increases, a rise in printing costs, and a drop in membership renewals.

To remedy the situation, a "UTE only" electronic/hard copy club has gotten underway. The effort has been named, "The Worldwide UTE News Club." Richard Baker, OH, will be the editor of the electronic edition. Inquiries can be sent by e-mail to: ae411@yfn.ysu.edu, while requests for the hard copy can be directed to Tim Braun, 15915 Smithy, Drive, Hay-

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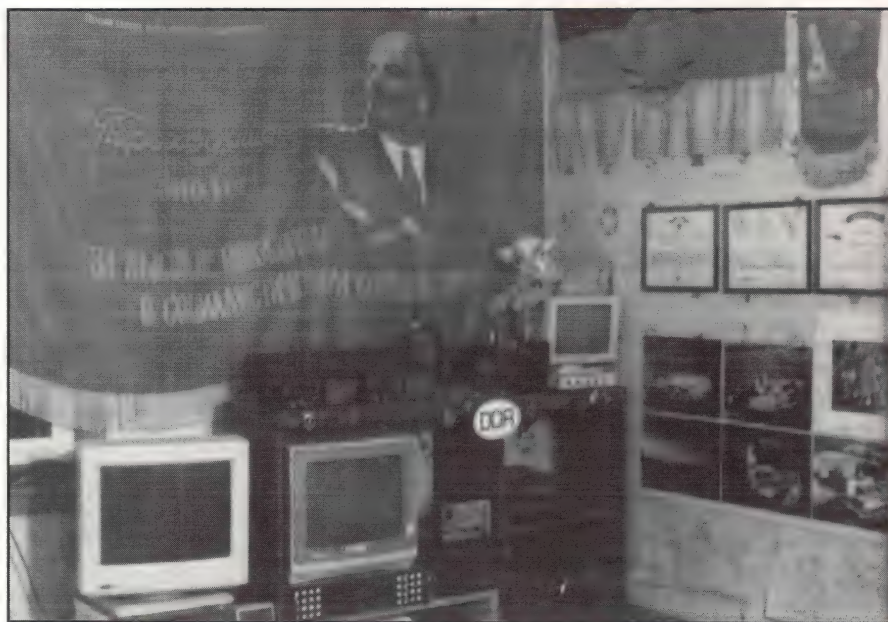
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Monitoring position of Kevin Tubbs, VT. Note the souvenir banners on the wall.

market, VA 22069 (please include a SASE with your request).

In the February column, an unidentified beacon was reported by Bjorn Vaage, CA, on 397 kHz. William R. Mayer (state not given) advises beacon LLJ is in Challis, ID. Now on to this month's UTE loggings!

UTE Loggings SSB/CW/RTTY/SITOR/etc. All Times in UTC.

50.000: OMA, Liblice, Czech time/signal station in CW at 1722. (AB)

71.138: DECCA station Hjørring, Denmark. Danish chain, purple freq. Hrd 1720 w/pulses.

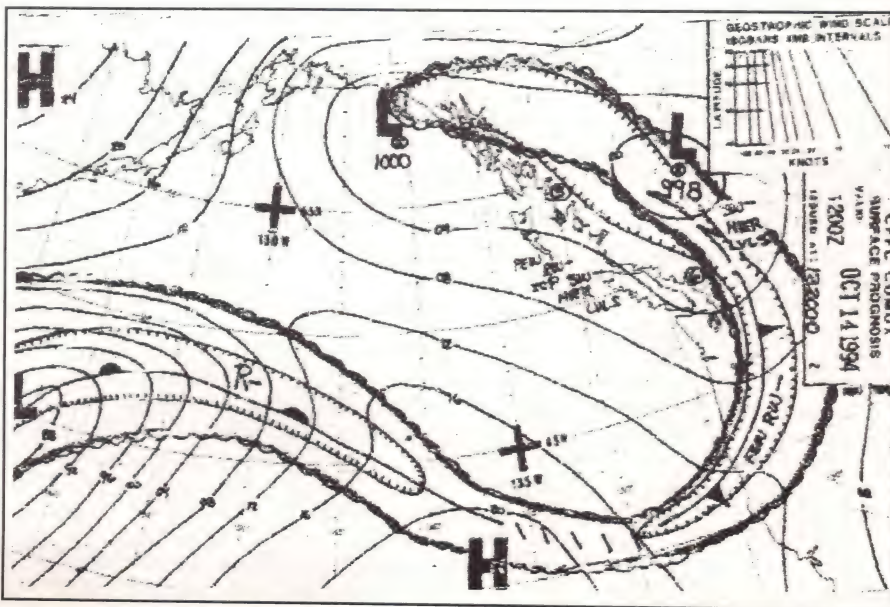
73.250: Probably RAF Crimond w/75 bd RTTY crypto mssgs. Hrd at 1808. (AB)

77.500: DCF77, Mainflingen, Germany time/signal station in CW at 1726. (AB)

84.550: DECCA station Gilze-Rijen. Holland chain, master freq. Hrd at 1612 w/pulses. (AB)

Abbreviations Used For Intercepts

AM	Amplitude Modulation mode
BC	Broadcast
CW	Morse Code mode
EE	English
GG	German
ID	Identification/led/location
LSB	Lower Sideband mode
OM	Male operator
PP	Portuguese
SS	Spanish
tfc	Traffic
USB	Upper Sideband mode
w/	With
wx	Weather report/forecast
YL	Female operator
4F	4-figure coded groups (i.e. 5739)
5F	5-figure coded groups
5L	5-letter coded groups (i.e. IGRXJ)



Floyd Hutson, CA, received this FAX on 12755 kHz, LSB, 120/576.



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Here is a PFC from the collection of Jim Navary, VA.

113.330: DECCA English chain, Shotishan, Red freq. Hrd 1719 at 1619 w/pulses. (AB)

128.580: DECCA station Heiloo. Frisian chain, Green freq. Hrd at 1619 w/pulses. (AB)

196: Beacon FRN, Fort Richardson, Anchorage, AK. (GB)

206: Beacon GLS, Galveston, TX at 0724. 1559 miles. (AH); Beacon QI, Yarmouth, NS, Canada. (RC)

211: Beacon K7, St. Ann des Montes, PQ Canada at 0559. 400 Hz. (PC)

212: Beacon BCC, Bear Creek (Tanana), AK. (GB)

214: Beacon GYN, Gallatin, TN, at 0105. (JB); Beacon CHX, Choix, Mexico at 0838. (SF)

223: Beacon YKA, Kamloops, BC, Canada at 0920. (SF)

227: Beacon SJY, San Jacinto/Hemet, CCA at 1820. (DT); Beacon LA, Lakeland, FL, at 0741. 1120 miles; Beacon LCE, La Ceiba, Honduras at 0945. 2011 miles. (AH)

236: Beacon GNI, Grand Isle, LA w/cw & voice. Announced "...regular broadcast will be resumed at 1100 Zulu (etc)." Hrd 0538. (JB)

240: Beacon LE, Lewiston, ME. (RC)

241: Beacon YGT, Igloolik, NWT, Canada at 0753. 1960 miles. (AH)

242: Beacon OZW, Howell, MI. (RC); Beacon GM, Milwaukee (Gen. Mitchell Fld—Teels), WI. Passes wx. (A)

244: Beacon BA, Barranquilla, Colombia at 0908. 2135m. (AH)

245: Beacon FS, Sioux City, SD at 0746. DSB; Beacon LFB, Lafayette, TN at 0501. (PC)

248: Beacon HZP, Zionsville, IN at 1845. (RH)

257: Beacon CGE, Cambridge, MD at 0803. (JO)

260: Beacon YSQ, (DAID) Atlin, BC, Canada. (GB)

265: Beacon EDE, Edenton, NC at 0755. (JO)

272: Beacon UTO, Indian Mountain, AK. (GB)

277: Beacon YLC, Lake Harbour, NWT, Canada at 0715. 400 Hz. 1671 miles. (PC)

278: Beacon OS, Los Angeles Int'l (LAX), CA at 2259. (BV); Beacon ADG, Adrian, MI. (RC)

279: Beacon CEP, Ruidoso, NM at 0850. (SF)

282: Beacon GWF, Lancaster Fox Field, CA at 2300. (BV)

284: Beacon TEH, Bogota, Colombia at 0902. 2556m. (AH)

287: Beacon MKP, McKeesport, PA. (RC)

288: Beacon NCE, Portsmouth Harbor, NH at 0839. MCNT, new freq. ex-322 kHz. (PC)

290: Beacon AOP, Rocksprings, WY at 0900; Beacon YYF, Penticton BC, Canada at 1110; Beacon YYH, Spence Bay, NWT, Canada at 0620. (DT)

290: Beacon TVK, Centerville, IA. (RC)

292: Beacon DF, Dana Point, CA. Off the air! Was on 24 hours a day. (DT)

293: Beacon TOR, Torrington, WY at 0903. (SF)

294: Beacon ZIP, Zipaquirá, Colombia at 0750. 2529m. (AH)

298: Beacon HL, Cape Henlopen, DE at 0750. (JO); Beacon MK, Milwaukee WI at 0610. MCNT. (PC)

300: Beacon ABL, Ambalema, Colombia at 0721. 2562m. (AH); Beacon C, Mobile Point LS, AL at 0324. (JO)

301: Beacon X, u/i at 2045. MCNT; FSK on carrier; peaks E/W. (PC)

302: Beacon L, Point Loma Light Station near San Diego, CA. Hrd at 2302. (BV)

304: Beacon BN, Nashville, TN at 0846. (JD)

307: Beacon LUX, Laurens, SC at 0307. (RH2)

312: Beacon FVM, (DAID) Five Mile (Pipe Line Camp), AK. (GB)

314: Beacon VM, Ventura Marina, South Jetty Light No. 2, CA at 2305. (BV)

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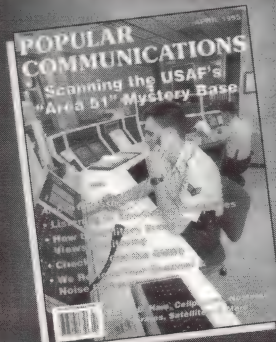
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- 337:** Beacon NA, Santa Ana (John Wayne), CA at
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Haneda), Japan at 1235. (SS)
- 338:** Beacon PBT, Red Bluff, CA at 1010.
Aviation wx. (DT); TWEB CMQ, Anchorage. AK. (GB)
- 341:** Beacon AK, Oakland, CA at 0808. (SF)
- 344:** Beacon JA, Jacksonville, FL at 0920. (JD);
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at 1025. (DT); Beacon LLd, Lanai, Hawaii at 0902.
(SF)
- 357:** Beacon RB, Eda, Japan at 1237. (SS)
- 360:** Beacon VEL, Velasquez, Colombia at 0615.
DSB? 2304m. (PC)
- 365:** Beacon PBC, Mt. Pleasant, TN at 0927. (JD)
- 367:** Beacon HA, Hao Atoll, French Polynesia at
0657.0 CW ID, DAID; 56574 miles. (PC)
- 368:** Beacon OH, Chicago, (O'Hare—Leana), IL.
(A)
- 369:** Beacon SLOP, Shelby, NC, at 0436. (RH2);
Beacon ZDX, St. John's, BWI at 0832. (JO)
- 370:** Beacon PAI, Pacoima (Barton Heliport), CA
at 2311. (BV)
- 372:** Beacon ORH, u/i at 0506. 400 Hz? peaks
N/S.
- 373:** FQ, u/i at 1241. (SS) Possibly PQ, Tateyama,
Japan. (Ed.)
- 378:** Beacon CPM, Compton, CA at 2312. (BV)
- 380:** Beacon BBD, Brady, TX at 0911. (SF);
Beacon COL, Barra del Colorado, Costa Rica at 1144.
2247m; Beacon BR, Egilsstadir (Breidavag), Iceland at
1248. (SS); Beacon SJX, St. James, (Beaver Island),
MI at 0358; Beacon VKS, Vicksburg, MS at 0212.
(RH2)
- 383:** Beacon PI, Pocatello, ID at 0920. (SF)
- 385:** Beacon GAI, Gaithersburg, MD at 0712.
(JO); Beacon BF, Bakersfield (Meadows Field), CA at
2314. (BV)
- 387:** Beacon PV, Turks and Caicos, BWI at 0638.
1366m. (AH)
- 388:** Beacon BOG, Bogota, Colombia at 0534.
1000 Hz, 2382m. (PC)
- 390:** Beacon HK, Kagoshima, Japan at 1407. (SS)
- 391:** Beacon SWZ, Smyrna, TN at 0936. (JD);
Beacon EBY, Neah Bay, WA at 0841. (SF)
- 392:** Beacon CF, Chesterfield, VA at 1041. (JO)
- 394:** Beacon OR, Chicago (O'Hare—Roamy), IL.
(A)
- 400:** Beacon UWI, Dalton, GA at 0627. Spurior
sidebands. (PC); Beacon BGA, Bucaramanga, Colom-
bia at 0858. 2397m. (AH); Beacon SJE, San Jose del



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Guaviare, Colombia at 1015. 2694m. (AH)
401: Beacon DF, Zama, Japan at 1252. (SS)
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404: Beacon MOG, Yreka, CA at 1255. Aviation wx. Ex-382. (DT)
406: Beacon OK, Oklahoma City, OK at 0652. DSB. (PC)
407: Beacon RVB, Mobridge, SD at 0706. (PC); Beacon RZZ, Roanoke Rapids, NC at 0357. (JO)
410: Beacon NZJ, Santa Ana (El Toro MCAS), CA at 2315. (BV)
412: Beacon MTU, Mitu, Colombia at 0758. 2793m. (AH)
413: Beacon CBC, Anahuac, TX at 0952. (JD)
414: Beacon IA, Chicago (O'Hare—Taffs), IL. (A); Beacon CSS, Washington Court House, OH at 2111. (RH2)
415: Beacon HZE, Hazenden, ND at 0748. New freq; ex-205 kHz. (PC)
419: Beacon GB, Great Bend, KS at 0437. DSB. (PC)
425: Beacon PCA, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic at 0906. (AH)
426: Beacon IZS, Montezuma, GA at 0634. (JD)
427: Beacon BTS, Dillingham, AK. (GB)
429: Beacon JNM, Monroe, GA at 0406. (RH2)
518: Netherlands CG NAVTEX, Station PBK w/gale wrngs at 1904 & 2124, FEC 100 at 1904. (AB)
519: Beacon EAA, Eagle, AK. (GB)
524: Beacon HEH, Newark, OH at 0344. (JO)

529: TWEB FDV, Nome, AK. (GB)
530: TIS at LAX Airport, CA. On 24 hrs, wipes out local freeway TIS's! (DT)
2182: U/i USCG station in USB at 0439 issues Hurricane force winds warning. Opr was OM in EE & SS. (ML); VAU, Yarmouth CG Radio at 0140 in USB w/kg S/V Mirage for distress comms. Vessel taking on water, is several hundred miles off Florida coast and could not hr USCG stations. At 0230 Mirage reports may have to abandon ship. Later, CG rescue swimmer stranded in raft after cable broke but later rescued by SH-60 fm Navy cruiser. (RB)
2295.8: Believed be HFVBR, Landeskriminalamt or LKA (German State Police). Station HFVBR in ARQ-E 96/425 at 0700 idling in ARQ-E. These are supposed to be MOI stns run by LKA. (RB)
2670: NMA21, St. Petersburg, FL at 0320 w/wx forecast. (AF)
2702: Two-tone channel mkr at 2312 in CW for UK Coastal control. (AB)
2863: Tokyo Meteo report for Tokyo, Fukuoka, Kansai, Seoul. EE & YL oprs. Hrd at 1310 & 1340. Also on 6679, 8828, 13282 kHz. All in USB. (SS)
2975.2: U/i CW net hrd at 0801 involving stns FRE, WUI, and MDK. Stns pass 5L grps. Preambles to mssgs are very distinctive: PBL NR 03 QSO NR 80793 QTR 03:05 BT RN 133 BT AAA LT VVV BT. (GH)
3039: Stn Bravo Foxtrot hrd in USB at 0752 w/kg stns Foxtrot, Golf, India, Lima, November, and Mike (simplex comms). Advised that callsign for track 3333 would be Scout 705. Was asked if Scout 705 was com-

ing up to the Playground. Mention of Einstein and Red Crown. Possible Navy exercise. (GH)
3262: SLHFM "P" in CW started at exactly 2100 w/3 grps of 5 P's foll by RMP (Navy Kaliningrad) then into wx forecast for Baltic area. Also hrd another day at 1900 & 2300. Sent "P" for three mins then went silent on each sked. (AB)
3278: P7X in CW at 0152 sending 5FL grp mssgs. Same type preambles and 120 grp count mssgs prev noted on 5125 kHz w/callsign E9I. (TS)
3280: OLX, MOI Prague in CW at 0200 w/mssg for 246; at 1900 w/mssg for 168; at 2100 w/mssg for 244. Callup was VV DE OLX. Tfc in 5F grps. (AB)
3357: NAM, Norfolk, VA w/FAX chart at 0140. (AF)
3455: Aeroftot 356 in USB at 0538 w/kg New York w/position report over TROUT (off Florida's northern coast). (GH)
3485: At 0110 very slow CW w/NVLK NVLK NVLK HXVH HXVH HXVH w/NY Volmet in background. (SM)
3707: Scrambled speech in USB at 0757. (TS)
3757.1: CW pip every second. Hrd 1858. (AB)
3823: First Monday of month. YL/unknown rptng "SIM PITYORKA PITYORKA CHETA NUL NUL" (755/00) fm 2100-2105, then off. (SM)
4030: "Atencion Cuatro Dos Uno Cuatro Nueve; then into 5F grps at 0200. (AF)
4081.3: CW beep every four sec. Duration of beep two sec. Hrd at 1856. (AB)
4146: OM/EE discussing oil rig explosion; 38 killed, one missing. Sounded like Cajun accent. Hrd 0200-0210 in USB. (RK)
4174: WFKW, M/T Overseas New Orleans, U.S. flag, product tanker heard at 0522 in ARQ w/time log tix for Port Everglades to Mobile Oil Marine Dept. (RB)
4270: CFH, Halifax Naval, NS, Canada at 0351 in RTTY 75/850 w/meteo. (TS)
4357: WAH, St. Thomas Radio w/wx forecast. 0230 sked every night. (AF)
4463: OM/RR w/824 824 824 1 fm 2020-2025. then 2447 65 2447 65 and into 5F grps. At 2030 MOSSAD YL w/FTJ on top of RR 5F stn. (SM)
4468: YL/EE at 0136 in AM. (KW)
4469: CAP stn Red Star 4 wrkng Red Star 424 in USB at 0333 discussing nbrs stn that interferes w/CAP net on this freq. Nbrs stn is the daily 0100 YL/EE sked on 4470 kHz. (TS)
4470: YL/EE w/1-0 count and 808 on FRI at 0100. After ten tones Count 186 and into 3/2F grps. (SM); YL/EE at 0100 w/3F x3 foll by ten count. Rpts sequence for ten mins. Then 3/2F grps. Sig so strong it can be hrd w/antenna disconnected. Some days there is earlier sked at 2300 on freq. Format is same. Copied above w/DX-392 and 200-foot vertical longwire held aloft by surplus wx balloon. I was in the middle of a cornfield 40 miles due west of Chicago. Cold and wet, but no QRM! (JFF)
4480: MOSSAD stn ULX2 on unusual freq at 2230. Usually 4880 kHz. (SM)



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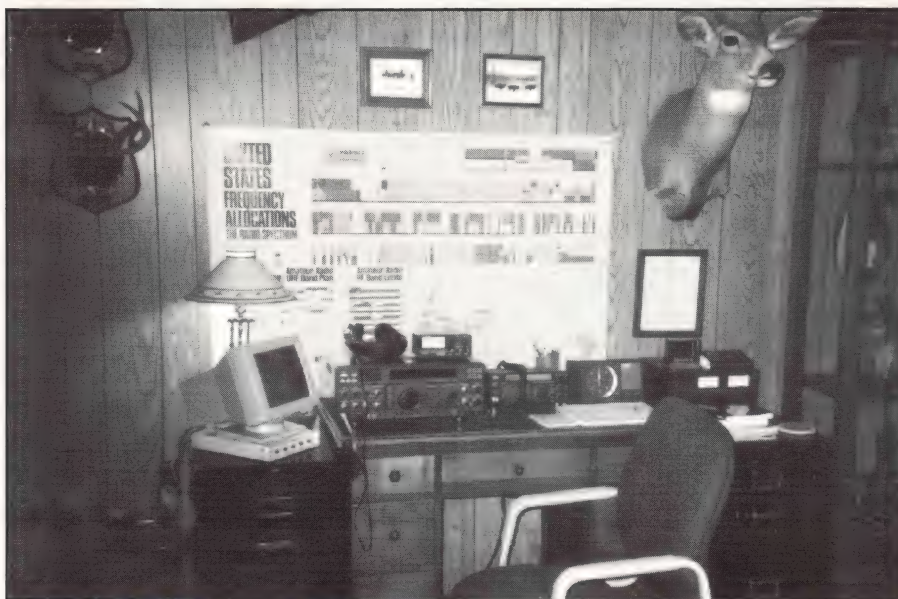
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Richard Baker, OH, shares his PFC with readers.



This photo shows the shack of Richard L. Sumner, IN.

4489: GFL, Bracknell Meteo w/coded WX in RTTY 50/400. (TS)

4560: YHF2 in USB at 1830. Mossad bcst. (AB)

4585: Crescent 6 and Crescent 2 (USAF) in USB at 0121 discussing check-out flight in Charleston, SC for u/i Col. (ML)

4593.5: USAF MARS net in USB mode at 0033 w/net control AFA1FQ, AFA1UN, AFA1LM (Pennsylvania), and AFA1LE. 1FQ asked for anyone to take t/c for Pittsburgh, and AFA1UN passed t/c to AFA 1LE. (DS)

4594: At 2000 YL/GG rptng 736 foll by 804 804 71 71 and into 5F grps. Ended w/00000. (SM)

4663: Irkutsk meteo for Irkutsk, Chita, Ust-Ilimsk, Krasnoyarsk, YL/EE opr in USB at 1305. (SS)

4722: Royal Air Force Volmet w/wx forecast for aviation at 0225. (AF)

4724: Skier 48, a LC-130H fm 109th AG (NY ANG) at Niagra Falls, NY at 2323 in USB wkg Andrews GHFS for pp, Albroom. These ski equipped a/c fly DEW Radar and OP DEEP FREEZE support missions. (RB)

4780: At 1815 YL rptng Kilo papa Alpha 13 Papa. (SM)

4931: B3Z (English) requesting W9Q (American) to receive Alligator. WOF and OME also involved at 2238. W9Q said "Grid 4304 is unable to release to Alligator." (SM)

5046: YL/EE announcing 102 102 102 then 1-0 count at 0102 and then 3/2F grps at 0117 in AM. (KW)

5197: Halifax Military wkg Nippigon w/pp concerning if Lt. Copeland will be taking Nippigon to sea for next deployment. Hrd at 0159. Answer was "Negative, he will be in the UK." (AF)

5266: Sweep jammer here at 0234. (TS)

5277: Panther, U.S. Customs facility, Bahamas at 2334 in USB wkg 76Y (a/c) for position report, 26 miles fm "XY." (RB)

5306: SLHFH "C" in CW at 2335. (AB)

5328: OM/RR at 2200 w/571 571 571 1. At 2205 2937 96 2937 96 and into 5F grps. Rptd at 2200 on 4642 kHz. (SM)

5420: Nbr stn in CW w/DDM AAT DPM DD AAT (cut nhrs) then into 5F grps. Hrd at 0100. Ended w/AR at 0113. (AF)

5547: YL/EE in USB at 0227 advises NW 108 to tune to 8843 primary, 8874 secondary to contact Hawaii. (ML)

5696: C4Y wkg Rescue Leader One in USB. Pilot has spotted man floating on wreckage. Were trying to rescue. Later, USCGC Point Steele arrived on scene (Pt. Steele is SAR Cutter out of Cleveland) to assist as man too weak to grab life rope dropped from copter. Man brought aboard cutter and taken to hospital. Hrd fm 2200-2250. (RK); During attempted rescue on sailing vessel Mystic, rescue swimmer in water and injured. All hands rescue in progress w/Rescue a/c 1502, 1504, 1714, and 6019 plus injured swimmer's helo and rescue 6034. Also USN Cruiser Relentless and her helo Cutlass 462. Swimmer was lost for some time but relocated on his raft approx 6 mi. from location of Mystic. Swimmer had lost feeling in right leg and drifting in-out of consciousness, was seasick and had capsize several times. Swimmer picked up by Rescue 6034 at approx 0600 EST then transported to Relentless for medical evaluation. Cutlass 462 hoisted remaining POB Mystic to safety. Other stns hrd were COMSALANT Chesapeake, Miami Ops (p/p) & Air Station Elizabeth City. (DC)

5697: Feedback-type sig, several tones rising in pitch one after the other. This was interspersed w/white noise xmsns. (TS)

5748.5: U/i CW stn X28Z hrd at 0839 clg TQ2A. No joy. (GH)

5750: OM/EE at 0506 w/5F grps. Signs off w/0000. (TF)

5834: At 1800 YL w/Union Susan Peter then QRU and off. (SM)

6273: UUF, THRP Gruzija, passenger ship, at 0553 in ARQ w/EE t/c to Black Sea Lines after sending Selcall XVSQ, for WCC, Chatham Radio. (RB)

6604: NY Radio in USB at 0206 w/wx forecast. (ML)

6628: A/c ?LGO?447 reports position & flight level 310 to NY Aeradio in USB at 0042. NY advised flight to contact Santa Maria on 5598 primary, 3016 secondary after reaching 40W. (DS)

6676: Singapore Meteo in USB w/wx for Singa-

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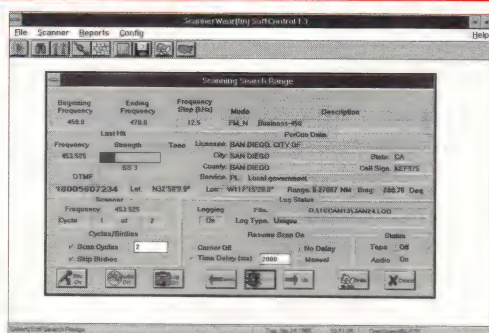
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Reception verification letter received by Steve McDonald,
BC, Canada.

Dear Mr. McDonald,

In response to your letter dated March 25, 1993, I can tell you the intercept you recorded is correct. I will give you as much of the information you requested as I can.

Call Sign: Even though NADY is our call sign, that call was not used on the circuit in question. International call signs are:

Voice - USS SHREVEPORT
CW/Teletype - NADY
Aviation Voice - MOHAWK

Frequency/Mode: 5698 Khz assigned frequency, USB, Voice

Date/Time/Location: The best I can tell you without becoming classified is that 17 Mar 93, USS SHREVEPORT was off the coast of Virginia involved in a real time Sea Air Rescue (SAR) mission. The mission lasted over one week.

Equipment: SHREVEPORT High Frequency transmission equipment is standard U. S. Navy issue/installation. Transmitter: AN/URT-23, tunable approximately 2-30 Mhz with a Peak Envelope Power (PEP) in CW mode of 1000 Watts. This transmitter feeds an Omnidirectional Broadband Discage Antenna (located on Forecastle as seen in photograph)

This is the second QSL request SHREVEPORT has received from that SAR operation. The last radio operator requesting QSL was from upstate New York. It is a pleasure to hear our transmitters work well enough to reach Vancouver B.C., it is also disturbing to find out my operators are increasing power more than what is required to reach the intended receiver. This is however, the problems with HF communications. I also think the HF propagation was exceptionally good that night. The United States Navy does not work in the High Frequency Band much anymore. Most transmissions are FM, VHF, UHF, AND SHF in both line of sight and satellite communications using voice and data transmission modes. HF like CW is becoming a dinosaur.

Sincerely,



S. P. HORVATH
CMDR, USN
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12)

Reception verification letter received by Steve McDonald, BC, Canada.

pore, Kuala Lumpur and other cities. OM/EE opr at 1322. (SS)

6683: Air Force One wkg Andrews w/signal ck. Hrd at 2118. (NP)

6730: Roll Call clg Nightwatch. Wanted know if stn could do a data circuit. USB at 0532. (WCA)

6738: Architect in USB at 2303 w/RAF airfield wx. (TS)

6753: Canadian Forces VOLMET fm St. Johns Military in USB mode fm 2240-2249. Was YL/EE, very strong sig. She had bad case of giggles for good part of bcst. Must have been having good time because I hrd assorted rowdiness in background. (DS)

6780: Every WED YL/EE w/1-0 count foll by 207 at 1700. After 10 tones Count 126 and into 5F grps. Also on 8085 kHz. (SM)

6826: YL/SS in AM mode at 0308 w/5F grps. Same opr noted concurrently w/similar tlc on 8136 kHz but not //. (DS)

6840: YL/SS at 0231 rptng 6050 9185 9042 9096 5950; YL/EE at 0101 rptng 416. (JD)

6981: Chatter between various CFARS stns in USB fm 0147-0206. Calls incl CIW2105 and CIW8102. One of stns apparently located in British Colombia, judging from ref's to BC TV. (DS)

7445: YL in USB at 0429 rpts MIW in phonetics til 0432. Then "Message message. Group 4-0, group 4-0, Text, text." Foll by 5L phonetic grps. (DS)

7452: SLHFM "R" in CW at 1848. (AB)

7535: SESEF Norfolk: At 1721, the Paul Hamilton clg SEAGULL control, foll by Norfolk SESEF & into testing. Also ID'ed as Newport News Shipyard. At 1732, NNCD, USNS San Diego (T-AFS-6) former USS San Diego, (AFS-6) w/start of HF rdo tests. At 1751, NYKN, USS Yorktown (CG-48), w/HF tests. At 1802, PCU (Precommissioned Unit) Milius (DDG-69) w/tests

of seven "23E" HF radios. At 1809m NAHM, USS Guam (LPH-9) "tech Control" clg SESEF, no joy. Primary mode in USB. (RB)

7784: KAWN, Carswell auto wx stn, Texas at 0520 in RTTY 75/846 w/wx. (RH1)

7846: YL/SS in AM at 0713 w/5F grps. (PS)

7913: 9JZ, Lusaka Air at 0548 w/RTTY 50/479 w/RV's & ID. (RH1)

8066.3: U/i stn w/NRGTU TMTMR several times then AN/URT three times foll by 5L (cut nbr) grps. New grp started NRGTU ANG. (PS)

8110: RFQP, Jibuti, Djibouti at 0102 in ARQ-M2 200, Ch. AA. French Forces stn w/"Controle De Voie" circuit. Has also been hrd at 2032 on 8050 kHz. (PS)

8294: WBN7618, tug Explorer w/calls to WPE in USB at 0549. Tug made contact then passed position and status report. Shore stn was nil hrd. (DS)

8305: LOR, Puerto Belgrano, Argentinean Navy w/Navigational aid bcst in SS at 0130. RTTY 75/225. (PS)

8332.4: RFHI, Noumea, New Caledonia at 2137 in ARQ-E3 100/340. French Forces stn w/"Controle De Voie." (PS)

8357: Cypriot M/V Petra Wave hrd in CW at 0643 wkg Port Said Radio (SUP) w/ETA msg. Vessel's CW callsign P3BW6. (GH)

8367.1: FAGE, FS Germain (F-735) French Navy Foreal-class frigate out of Brest at 0044 in CW wkg FUF, Fort de France with unclass (non-protège) msg. (RB)

8395: SQFQ, HMS Carlskrona, Royal Swedish Navy minelayer/training ship at 2316 in ARQ w/tlx in Swedish. Sitor log-in abbrev is "HMSCKR" w/selcall 26503. (RB)

8412.5: YLCQ, TH Pure at 2331 in FEC w/several EE admin mssgs fm master, KM Padafet to Rina

Radio, then into crew TG's. (RB)

8448: A9M, Bahrain Radio w/CW mkr & freq listing. Hrd at 0154. (AF)

8474: HCG, Guayaquil Radio in CW at 2355 wkg unknown vessel. (WLL)

8500: RBSL, Indian Navy, Bombay at 1639 in RTTY 48/822 w/mkr & RY's. (RH1)

8571: UFN, Novorossiysk, Russia w/CW mkr at 0312. (AF)

8582.5: KLB, Seattle, Washington w/CW mkr & freq listing at 0230. (AF)

8843: Hawaiian-2 wkg Honolulu in USB at 0234; advised next position ESCRO at 0336. Honolulu advised contact San Francisco when reaching ESCRO on 5574 primary and 3413 secondary. (DS)

8903: Flying south over northern Cameroon KLM 597 hrd in USB wkg N'djamena Radio in Chad w/estimate for position TJR (Garoua). Advised that position TJN (N'Garoundere) was next. (GH)

8967: Roll Call w/75 char. EAM. Made two or three mistakes. Gave ID as Road Call then corrected it to Roll Call. Same msg also by Roll Call at 0430 (8968 kHz) and 0452 (8468 kHz) by Brokov. (WCA)

8972: Blue Star wkg Ashley-07 re 07 completing some sort of task concerning ?Stocking?. Was USB fm 0316-0319. Have logged Blue Star as call sign in this freq since at least 1989. (DS)

8992: King 81 wkg Minute Man. Departing to Columbus then to Elsworth & gave mission nbr. USB mode at 1700. (WCA)

9014: Shadow 01 inbound Birmingham, AL at 12110 wkg Andrews. (NP)

9017: Nightwatch wkg Calhoun A10W105 then Checkman wkg Owlhoot at 2038 in USB. (KW)

9070: Every WED YL/GG w/1-0 count foll by 718 at 1600. After 10 tones Gruppen 59 and into 5F grps. Also on 7473 kHz. (SM)

9215: Siren sounding signal at 0320. This has been hrd on various Mossad freqs. Also on 6840 kHz. Sig stopped at 0327. Then into unkn language comms by OM opr. (AF)

9325: YL rptng Charlie November fm 0330-0335 then into 5F GC grps. CN is very active between 0200-0400 on various days. (SM)

10184: White noise bursts at 1643. (TS)

10261: Warbling tone hrd here are 0116. Any ideas? (RK); One user of warbling jammers is Iraq. (Ed.)

10780: Air Evac 50224 at 0243 clg Cape Radio, no joy. At 1707 Aria 1, Advanced Range Instrumentation a/c wkg Cape Radio re comms problems w/units. USB mode. (RB)

11000: At 1300 YL rptng Baker Edward Charlie foll by Queen Robert Union rptd then off at 1307. This is new stn. (SM)

11175: Lobo, Albrook AFB & Cobra 20 w/ops re rescue attempts by u/i chopper which trying pick up men in raft. Divers couldn't go in due numerous sharks circling. Cobra 20 (C-130) asked Lobo via Albrook to call M/V Solar Flare on Ch. 16 (VHF) to aid in rescue. Hrd 1710-17630 in USB. (RK)

11217: King 81 wkg MacDill w/request for wx info. USB at 1825. (WCA)

11220: Possible NEACP or Looking Glass activity in USB at 2140. Stns incl WAR46 (Ft. Ritchie, MD & Nightwatch-01). Ref'd this freq as Sierra 301. (DS)

11226: SAM 203 w/Sec'y of State Christopher on board w/pp to State Sept official. Sec'y discussing Sen. Jesse Helms w/staff & party given by Mac McClardy of White House... & Strobe Talbot's health. Patch was via Andrews. (NP)

11232: Raleigh 70 w/pp thru Offutt GHFS re pickup of Special Forces unit at Ft. Lewis. Hrd at 1936. (NP)

11270: At 0836 OM/RR rptng 685 685 685 85470 tl 0840 then 00000 and off. No 5F grps sent. (SM) The 00000 grp supposedly signifies QRU. (Ed.)

11396: American 1242 wkg NY, then American 1473 wkg San Juan at 1728 in USB. (KW)

11545: Lincolnshire Poacher stn in USB hrd fm 1800-1845, YL/EE opr. Very British-sounding. Fair-poor reception. Off at 1845. (RB)

11624: Homestead AFB at 2034 w/FAX 120/576. Wx pix of Africa & Middle East. (PS)

13089: USCG Master Station Pacific in USB w/marine-High Seas forecast. Computerized voice. Some QRM fm international phone svc on 13092 kHz USB. Hrd at 1815. (RK)

13211: Mystic Star activity w/aircraft 65 to An-

draws for pp's probably to SAM Command Post & Andrews Meteo. USB fm 1634-1651. (DS)

13242: MacDill wkg CK w/data send at 2048 in USB. (KW)

14000: At 1400 YL rptng Frank Young Peter foll by Queen Thomas Charlie and into 5L grps. Phonetics are from 1948 ARRL alphabet. Carrier stayed on til 1445 then Mossad YL rptd Charlie India Oscar 2 4 times then carrier off. I think it has given the game away!! (SM)

14432: ARIA Control, 4950th Test Wing, at 1708 in USB wkg ARIA 2 duplex in 14497 re test data set-up. (RB)

15016: MacDill OM Opr w/EAM. Out at 2142. USB mode. (KW)

15850: Alum 52 in USB clg Offutt AFB (Omaha, NE) at 1700 requesting wx at location Charlie Yankee Delta. (RK)

16261.8: RFTJD, Libreville, Gabon (French Forces) at 1310 in ARQ-E3 192/383 w/5L grps to RFFUEA, RFFUBF, RFFUBAJ. (RH1)

16318: MFA Cairo at 0831 in Sitor A w/tfc in AA. (RH1)

16500: Two OM, heavy accents, sometimes in EE, sometimes in SS. Many mentions of "Puerto Villarta" and "coca." Hrd at 2352 in USB. (RK)

16787.8: DSR, Rostock, Denmark at 1754 in Sitor-B 100 (FEC) w/tfc list & news in GG. (PS)

16800.1: URSU, Sovship Nikita Mitchenko w/Odessa at 1334; URJL, Sovship B. Gorbатов w/Odessa at 1358. Both RTTY 50/170. (RH1)

16816.1: ASC, Capetown, S. Africa at 1015 in Sitor B w/Nav 7 warning, man overboard E. of Madagascar!! (RH1)

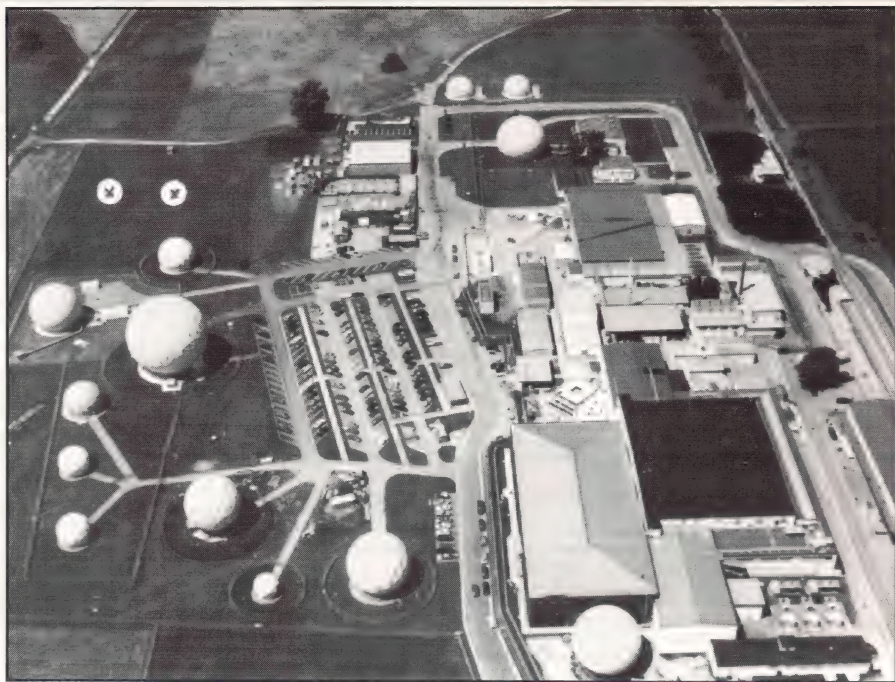
16875: U/i stn at 1745 in RTTY 75/550 w/5L grps. Off w/QRU SK. (PS)

17430: YL rptng Hotel Kilo fm 1600-1605 w/electronic tones. Then 68 5F grps for 921. (SM)

17445.5: 5YE, Nairobi Meteo at 1210. FAX 120/576. Superb wx chart (on 17443.7 kHz USB). (RH1)

17485: YL/EE at 0139 in AM w/4F grps. Mssg completed 0139 & carrier dropped at 0141. (REB)

18042.1: Deplu Jakarta at 0825 in RTTY



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50/369 w/tfc in 5L grps for all Embassies. (RH1)

18064.1: SNN299, MFA Warsaw at 1232 in RTTY 100/302, POL-ARQ. (RH1)

18219.8: CLP wkg u/i stn at 1739 in RTTY 50/500. (Ed.)

18380.4: RFFAAP, Guerre Dipermil Paris at 1135 in ARW-E3 100/386 w/tfc in FF for COMSUP Reunion. (RH1)

18966.2: RFLI, Fort de France, Martinique, French Military at 2221 in ARQ-E3 96/425 w/FF to RFHJCF. (JC)

19865.5: YZJ4, TANJUG Belgrade at 1619 in RTTY 48/151 w/nx in SS. (RH1)

20286.6: SOV288, PAP Warsaw at 1805 in Sitor B w/exchange rates & nx/Pol. (RH1)

21017: OTH radar at 2052. (TS)

21807.7: YOV28, ROMPRESS Bucharest at 0740 in RTTY 50/369 w/nx in EE. (RH1)

22808.1: DFZG, MFA BELGRADE at 1533 in RTTY 75/388 w/nx in EE. Strong sigs. (RH1)

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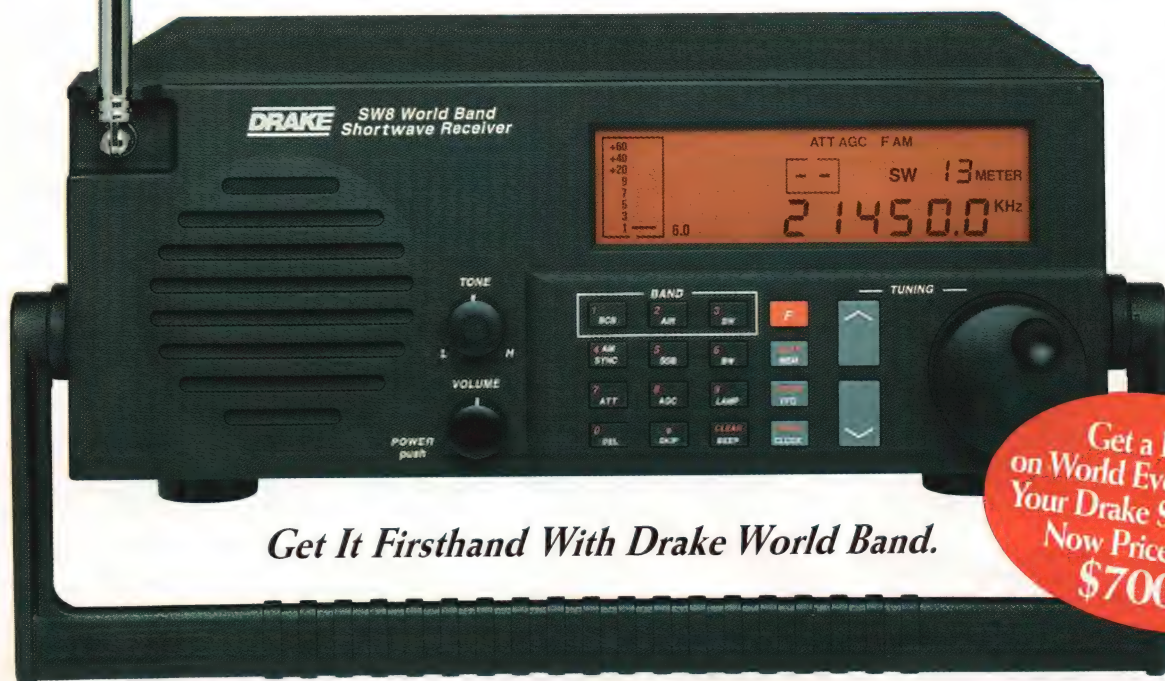
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Strength in Numbers: In keeping with an industry trend toward consolidation, the FCC in mid-February approved the assignment of the license of San Francisco's KSFO-AM from First Broadcasting Co., to Bay-area rival KGO-AM Radio, Inc., a subsidiary of Capital Cities/ABC, Inc. Since Cap Cities also owns KGO-TV, the petition required a request for a waiver of Section 73.3555(b) of the FCC's rules prohibiting the common ownership of radio and television stations in a single market. In order to meet the standards for a waiver of the "one-to-a-market" rule, which seeks to promote multiplicity, competition, and diversity by avoiding undue concentrations of ownership, a proposed combination involving stations in a top-25 market must leave at least 30 separately owned, operated, and controlled licenses.



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WVCY	WXOL	Oshkosh, WI
WXLN	WZCC	New Albany, IN
WZZW	WNST	Milton, WV

Changed FM Frequencies

KIRC	Seminole, OK	105.5 MHz	Moved to 105.9 MHz, 6 kW.
KSCQ	Silver City, NM	94.5 MHz	Moved to 92.9 MHz.

Requesting Changed FM Frequency

KYFM	Bartlesville, OK	100.1 MHz	Seeks move to 99.9 MHz.
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Requesting Modified AM Facilities

KBIX	Muskogee, OK	1490 kHz	Seeks drop to 580 watts.
KGDP	Orcutt, CA	660 kHz	Seeks increase to 50/10 kW.
KIAM	Nenana, AK	630 kHz	Seeks increase to 10/3.1 kW.
WIMK	Middlesboro, KY	560 kHz	Seeks daytime increase to 5 kW.
WLMI	Montgomery, AL	740 kHz	Seeks daytime increase to 10 kW.
WXTL	Jacksonville Beach, FL	1010 kHz	Seeks increase to 50/19 kW.

Modified AM Facilities

KCCF	Cave Creek, AZ	1100 kHz	Increased daytime to 50 kW.
KSIR	Brush, CO	1010 kHz	Run 25 kW days, added 280 watt nights.
WJJQ	Tomahawk, WI	810 kHz	Reduced to 980 watts.
WMIN	Hudson, WI	740 kHz	Increased days to 850 watts.
WYSL	Avon, NY	1030 kHz	Changed to 1040 kHz; 2.5/500 watts.

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OR	Family Camp	107.1 MHz	(KSKD booster)
TN	Murfreesboro	91.7 MHz	1 kW
UT	Payson	103.9 MHz	300 watts (KYKN-FM booster)

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KGMR	Clarksville, AR	91.7 MHz	383 watts
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Since the respective signals of KSFO and KGO-AM served virtually the same portion of the San Francisco market, Cap Cities had to demonstrate that the proposed merger would not result in a combined audience share of more than 25 percent. Cap Cities was able to satisfy the "top 25 market/30 voice standard" by submitting Arbitron surveys showing both that the combined audience share of KSFO and KGO-AM was 8.8 percent and that the fifth-ranked San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose market would still be served by 58 radio and 21 TV stations, owned and operated by 53 different entities.

In granting such waivers the Commission has in the past taken into consideration the financial state of the stations involved, explaining that "efficiencies of operation as may be achieved through the use of common facilities and staff" were also in the public interest. Cap Cities argued that the proposed acquisition would be a win-win situation for KSFO and KGO-AM/TV, as well as the San Francisco community, because although the intention was to operate the stations separately, the combination would allow a streamlining of operations through both a pooling of resources and elimination of redundancies.

Included in the application were estimates that the affiliation of KSFO and KGO-AM would result in a total savings of approximately \$1.45 million per year, with \$750,000 alone coming from consolidation of personnel, and another \$45,000 through the joint purchasing of administrative and production supplies. The Commission appears to have been persuaded by these figures in light of the fact that KSFO-AM had operated at loss of over \$2 million in 1994, with projections calling for a similar loss in 1995 if a sale was not approved.

In its decision the FCC agreed with Cap Cities that the merger would "create efficiencies resulting in significant cost savings and the potential for enhanced programming and service benefits." According to a

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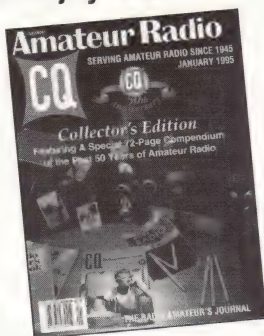
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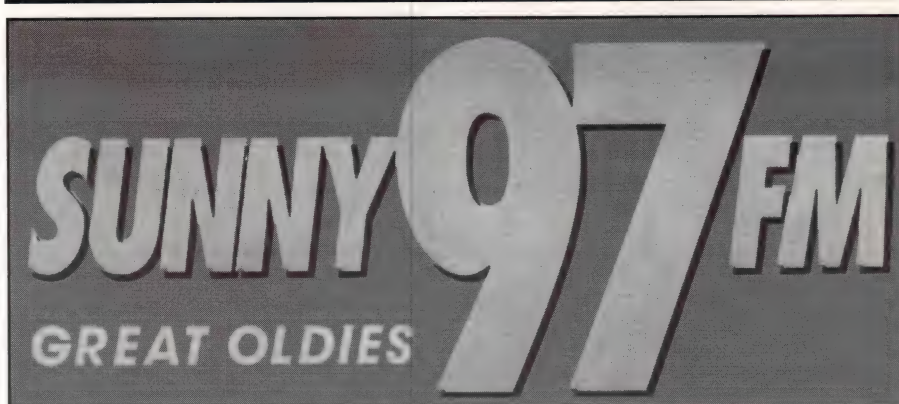
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KPSN-FM rode off into the Arizona sunset in late November 1994. "Sunny 97 FM" was the favorite station of reader Paul Swietek, of Gilbert, AZ, who sent in this bumper sticker.



Not one to be outdone by cross-town rival CISN in the quest for Edmonton, Alberta's radio audience, CIRK-FM—"K97"—used billboards like this one to publicize its promotion that gave listeners chances to win cars and condos. (Courtesy Trevor Fletcher, Edmonton.)

Commission press release, under Cap Cities' ownership KSFO will adopt a talk format "complementing" that of KGO-AM, including public affairs programming "analogous to" that offered by KGO-AM.

The waiver is not the first that Cap Cities has received for its San Francisco holdings. In 1989, the FCC allowed the company to retain its ownership of KGO-AM and KGO-TV, and late last year the Commission upheld its 1989 waiver to allow Cap Cities to own the Los Angeles stations KABC-AM/TV and KLOS-FM.

Such pro-consolidation rulings by the FCC are riding a wave of *laissez faire* sentiment that appears to have crested with a draft bill introduced in February that would continue the trend toward deregulation and consolidation. The proposed legislation, sponsored by Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Larry Pressler (R-S.D.), seeks to repeal the current radio ownership limits of 20 AM and 20 FM stations. As Herb

McCord, president and CEO of Granum Communications told *Broadcasting & Cable*, "The radio business clearly benefits from the economies of scale that could be realized by putting stations together. The radio industry is healthier than ever."

A Labor of Love: After 45 years in radio, Elmer "Smokey Silver" Gunkel will at last have a station of his own. The Manteca, California man in early February was given the green light by the FCC to construct a 3,000-watt FM station licensed to Modesto. KEJC-FM is planned to go on the air sometime this summer. Gunkel, who first applied for the license in 1988, persisted over many other applicants in a competition made even more fierce after the FCC announced in 1985 that 93.9 MHz would be the last FM channel issued for the crowded Northern San Joaquin Valley radio dial.

Although a format has not yet been chosen, "Deciding what music to play will be the last decision we make," Gunkel said in

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TN	Cookeville	91.7 MHz	500 watts
TX	San Saba	97.1 MHz	779 watts
WA	Quincy	102.9 MHz	2.5 kW
WI	Balsam Lake	104.9 MHz	
WV	Fisher	103.7 MHz	310 watts

a *Sacramento Bee* profile sent to us by POP'COMM reader George Saunders. But if he decides to follow his own tastes and go with country music, Gunkel certainly won't have to look to a satellite service for programming—his own musical library includes over 30,000 titles on everything from 45s to open-reels to compact discs.

Community Service: As Gunkel was gearing up his station, 2,900 miles to the east another veteran broadcaster was sell-

ing out. Bobbi Lewis, president of Rockland Communicators and West-Land Communicators, sold her two Rockland County, New York stations, WRKL-AM and WRGX-FM, for \$4.5 million. "I had accomplished what I wanted to accomplish," Lewis said in a *Rockland Journal-News* article supplied by POP'COMM reader Howard Miller. Eight years after she started as WRKL's receptionist, Lewis purchased the station in late 1985 for \$1.11

million, and acquired WRGX a little over three years later, for \$5 million. Although the new owner, Odyssey Communications, claims no changes are in store for what it calls WRKL's "rich local heritage" of serving the Rockland community, the sale is expected to allow the station to expand its broadcast day outside its current dawn-to-dusk schedule. As for WRGX, the new owners could hardly ask for a more successful format. Following an October 1993 switch

from soft rock to a mix of alternative-based album rock, "X-107" saw its weekly audience jump from 28,000 to 160,000.

Newer Oldies: If you're between the ages of 30 and 44 and you live in Phoenix, Arizona, you'll want to dig out your bell bottoms and tune your radio to 96.9 MHz. Or so the management of KCHT hopes, anyway. Acting on its research suggesting that the rock hits of the '70s would attract a substantial chunk of the Valley's radio audience, KPSN this past November dropped music from earlier decades to go after what it views as the nostalgic—and lucrative—baby-boomer group. The new KCHT—"K-Hits"—hopes that the format change will raise the station from its Arbitron rankings of 14th place.

As part of establishing the new format, several personalities have been released. "They're associated with oldies," station manager Buz Powers told the *Arizona Republic*. "We have to make this a clean difference to the listener." But for fans of the former "Sunny 97 FM," the abrupt change in calls and format came as an unwelcome surprise. As POP'COMM reader and KPSN faithful Paul Swietek observes, "With no notice to its listeners [they] changed formats on the Monday immediately following Thanksgiving. How's that for a major letdown after a joyful holiday!" And while KCHT management is optimistic about their new niche, competitors scoff at the idea, pointing out that seven

area stations already program rock.

In the Know: Readers Falguni Lupi and Lavon Edwards check in to ask what references are available to AM and FMDXers? While standards like *White's Radio Log* and Vane Jones' *Station Guide* are long out of print, there isn't any shortage of material on the market, although choosing the best one depends on what sort of information you seek. The annual *World Radio TV Handbook* contains addresses, formats, and power for AM stations in the U. S. that run 10 kW and over, as well as Canadian stations running over 100 watts.

You might consider Bruce Elving's *FM Atlas*. The new 16th edition of the *FM Atlas* is just out. You can get a copy for \$16.95, plus \$5 shipping/handling (\$6 to Canada) from CRB Research, P.O. Box 56, Commack, NY 11725. Visa/MC orders: 1-800-656-0056. Canadian orders: 1-516-543-9169. N.Y.S. residents please add \$1.87 tax.

Clubs are another fine source for information, with some of their more prominent titles including the *IRCA AM-FM Almanac*, the *IRCA Mexican Log*, and the *NRC AM Radio Log*. Contact the IRCA Bookstore at 9705 Mary NW, Seattle, WA 98117, and NRC Publications, Box 164, Mannsville, NY 13661, or check with the POP'COMM advertisers. But no matter what reference one buys, it is only as good as its user's maintenance—diligently recording any call letter, format, and power

changes that are listed monthly in this column is absolutely necessary to keep your records up-to-date in the ever-changing world of radio.

In Brief: Proving there's life after politics, former presidential candidate and senator Gary Hart in early February debuted his talk show on Denver's KOA-AM. "Heartland," which can be heard Sunday evenings, features as its guests public figures ranging from politicians to authors to athletes, reports *Broadcasting & Cable*. The industry magazine also disclosed that former New York governor Mario Cuomo is being wooed by several syndicators to host a similar talk show.

If football fans can no longer look to CBS for NFL games, they can still listen. The network's Radio Sports division has inked a four-year contract giving it exclusive broadcast rights for the 1995 through 1998 seasons. Under the agreement CBS, which has held the radio rights to the NFL for 15 of the last 17 seasons, will air a 53-game package of both regular and post-season events, including the Super Bowl.

Leonard Kahn, developer of the AM stereo system bearing his name, has made clear his unwillingness to accept defeat in the battle royal for a national AM stereo standard. Three separate legal actions are under way by Kahn, including a patent-infringement suit against General Motors and an antitrust suit against rival Motorola. A third seeks a reversal by a U.S. Court of Appeals of the FCC's 1993 choice of Motorola's C-Quam system as the national standard on the grounds that the Kahn system did receive a full and fair review by the Commission.

As we reported in the March issue, Edmonton, Alberta's CISN-FM was running a \$45,000 promotion where each time a listener hear a cow mooing on the air, he or she could call in and win \$100. Now, according to an article in the *Calgary Herald* supplied by Trevor Fletcher, the station's "Cash Cow"—actually a costumed station employee—was on two separate occasions fondled and choked by a 37-year-old woman. The woman, who has been charged with one count each of sexual assault and common assault, apparently had a crush on one of the country station's personalities. As a result of the attacks, station policy is that the cow now must be escorted at all public appearances. As CISN promotions director Cori Horton explained in the *Herald* article, the bulky costume makes the wearer vulnerable to attack, and anyway "you can't have the Cash Cow whaling back on someone."

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appropriate forum."

Judge Wilken's decision contained a number of observations that get right to the heart of the matter. For instance, she pointed out that, "the FCC is arguably violating its statutory mandate as well as the First Amendment by refusing to revisit the issue of LPFM. In all circumstances, except those involving vessels in distress, all radio stations shall use the minimum amount of power necessary to carry out the communications desired."

She noted that, "at most, the government's *allegations* of brief interference present an issue for balancing of hardships. The Court finds that the harm to the First Amendment rights of FRB and the public at large which may result from enforcing the current regulations outweighs the slight showing of interference proffered by the government."

In her conclusion, Judge Wilken observed, "The government has so far failed to address the constitutional issues in the FCC actions against FRB and has inadequately addressed them in arguments before this court. This court defers to the FCC to provide guidance on the factual and technical issues related to the constitutionality of the regulatory scheme. That is, in the light of current technology, is a total ban on new licensing of LPFM the least restrictive means available to protect against chaos on the airwaves?"

Judge Wilken went on further to state, "On the present record, this Court does not find a probability that the Plaintiff will succeed on the merits, particularly in the absence of guidance from the FCC on FRB's constitutional challenge to the regulations at issue. While there may be a serious question as to the merits, on the present record the Court does not find that the balance of harm tips sharply in favor of the FCC."

For the micropower FM broadcasting, LPFM, *Free Radio*, or whatever you wish to call it, movement, this has been a sign of hope. We here at POP'COMM have many times spoken out in favor of the FCC's establishing an LPFM service to meet the public's need.

The FCC has, in the past, been proven successful with its standard menu of claims each time the agency has dragged a low-power FM community broadcaster into court. The FCC has honed its traditional arguments to a fine edge—lack of license, possible or vague interference to vital systems, etc. Courts have been willing to buy the FCC's neatly wrapped package. FRB has shown that low-power community FM stations could become a legal reality!

One more thing before we go this month. Every home-brew FM station isn't an altruistic community project. A few months ago, they shut down WEFX, 89.7

MHz, in Holbrook, N.Y., right in my home county. WEFX was built from \$20,000 worth of equipment, all of it apparently stolen from local radio stations. The operator didn't have to worry about the Free Speech issue. That's because he was arrested by the police on five counts of burglary and three counts of criminal possession of stolen property.

For the record, as FCC regulations presently stand, operating an unlicensed radio station can lead to civil or criminal prose-

cution. Criminal penalties can be up to a year in jail and a \$100,000 fine. Except in isolated cases, the FCC usually settles the matter by seizing the equipment and getting the operator to promise not to do it again.

My appreciation for the help with this month's "Beaming In" is extended to Bartholomew Lee, Esq., of San Francisco, Calif., Eric M. Nelson, WA0KVD, of San Diego, Calif., and *Arizona Free Radio*, Station KAFR, P.O. Box 47473, Phoenix, AZ 85068-7473.

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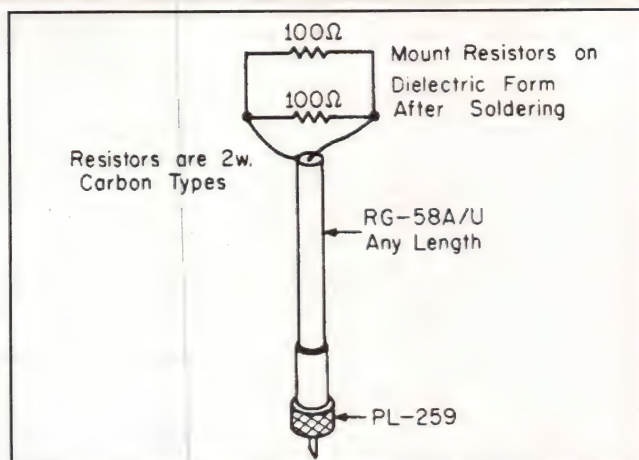
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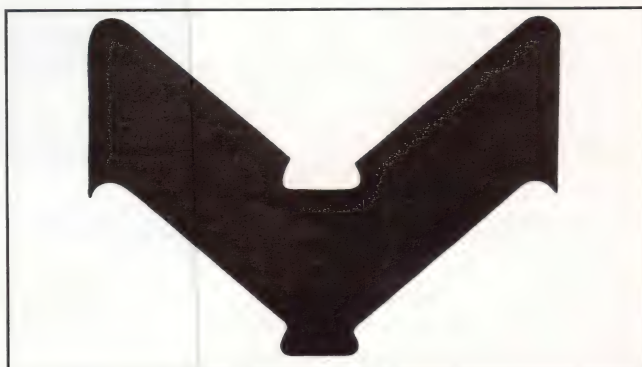
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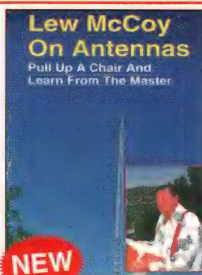
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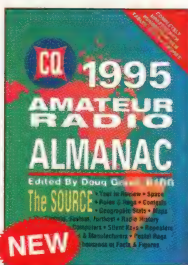
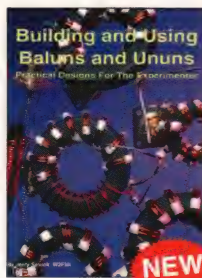
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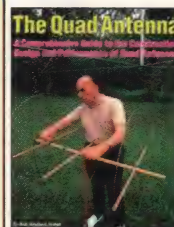
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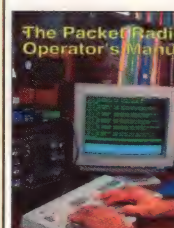
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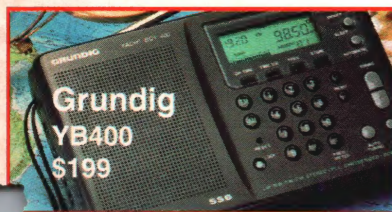
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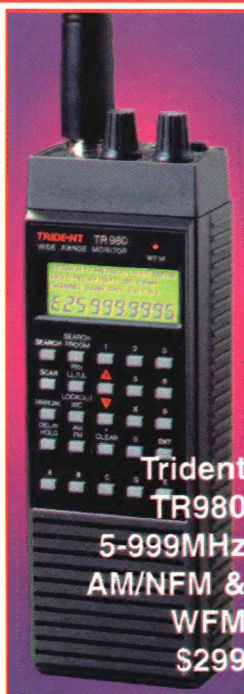
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